U.S. second thoughts and local protests threaten Israel's entry into atomic era

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

Israel's belated entry into the era of atomic power is now threatened both by Jimmy Carter and by local environmentalists.

Press reports indicate that the sale to Israel of U.S.-made nuclear reactors — promised in June, 1974 by former president Richard Nixon — is now in question because Carter has decided to review American policy on reactor sales to foreign countries.

Meanwhile, here in Israel, a campaign against nuclear power stations has been launched by residents of the Ashdod-Ashkelon area, some 30 miles south of Tel Aviv, where two 900-megawatt reactors are slated to be installed.

Most of the citizens in that area are not opposed, they say, to reactors as such, but only against their being placed "under the noses of 300,000 people."

In point of fact, there is little choice in the matter.

"If we want power reactors operating in the '80s," a leading Israeli physicist told me last week, "we've got to put them along the densely populated coastal plain. All existing reactors," he explained, "require hundreds of thousands of tons of water each day for cooling purposes, and in Israel water in such quantities is only available from the sea.

"Perhaps," he added, "if the new German reactors with dry-cooling towers prove themselves, we will eventually be able to locate atomic power stations in the middle of our sparsely settled Negev desert, but those German reactors, in the best of circumstances, won't be available on a commercial basis for many years to come."

This physicist disputes the Electric Corporation's claim that Israel will need 12 to 16 1,000-megawatt reactors by the year 2,000. His estimates of power requirements indicate that three to four such reactors would be sufficient. But additional generating capacity will be required, and for oil-poor Israel, he declares, it must come from atomic reactors.

Nuclear power stations have still not become a political issue here to the same extent as they have, for example, in the U.S. and Sweden. The subject was only brought up in the Knesset for the first time in January of this year, when independent-minded MK Boaz Moav — speaking to a virtually empty chamber — complained that decisions about power reactors were being taken by administrative bodies (the Electric Corporation, the Nuclear Licensing Authority and the Atomic Energy Commission) without the public being given a chance to express its opinion.

Then the Council for the Prevention of Noise and Pollution backed up Moav, arguing that because of Israel's population density and geographical situation, there were no "ideal sites" for reactors, and that in any case the proposed south-of-Tel Aviv site should not be approved "so long as other alternatives remain unexplored."

This in turn evoked a response from the Israel Association for Nuclear Sciences and the Israel Association for Protection Against Radiation, which charged that environmentalists without professional qualifications were trying to frighten people into foregoing the immense benefits of nuclear energy.

Perhaps the scientists are right, but now that the public has been brought into the discussion, it will have to be convinced that nuclear power stations are absolutely necessary and acceptably safe.

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Jewish studies pact reached

TORONTO —

A formal agreement between York University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been reached, providing for continuation of the Year Abroad Program, funded programs for Jewish studies, and exchanges of students and faculty.

Each institution will establish a committee for the purpose of maintaining and developing the relationship between the two universities. President H. Ian Macdonald said the York committee will be appointed shortly and will be responsible for providing advice on current operations and new initiatives.

The agreement will be formally signed by Macdonald, who will be joined by Dean Sydney Eisen, Faculty of Arts, in an official ceremony at the Hebrew University.

"I am very gratified that the agreement between the Hebrew University and York University has been formalized," said Macdonald.

The proposal for an exchange between the two universities first was made in 1972 by Walter S. Tarnopolsky, professor of law, Osgoode Hall Law School. It was approved, in principle, by the Senate.

In the absence of a formal agreement, exchanges have been taking place; others are planned for the future.

Prof. Michael Brown, on the board of the Toronto Branch of Friends of the Hebrew University, and co-ordinator of Hebrew studies at York, estimates that six York students are at the Hebrew University this year.

"The agreement should facilitate the exchange of students and faculty," he said. "It also will provide an opportunity for students to go to Hebrew University in a more organized fashion, and for Hebrew U. students to come here.

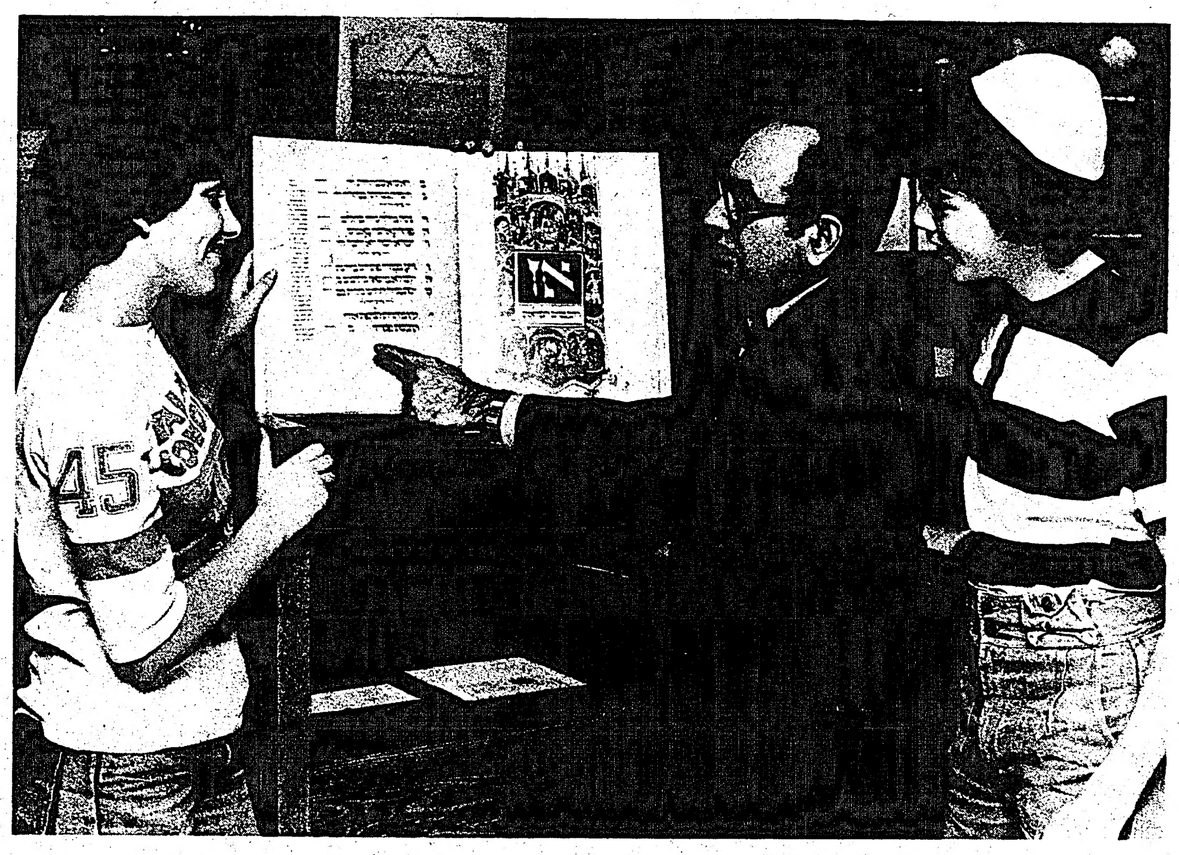
"Hebrew University is the greatest source for scholars of Judaica today. If we can tap that resource, it is a tremendous plus for us."

He anticipates the program will be of special interest to students in the Judaic studies option, Faculty of Education. The option includes a series of courses in the Judaic field plus a year of study at an Israeli university.

Graduating students will be eligible for certification by the Board of Jewish Education and the Ministry of Education.

While York students will have the benefit of any preferential fee arrangement provided by the Hebrew University for Canadian students, the Hebrew University also will offer at least one fellowship for a one-year period for an MA or PhD student in the area of Jewish studies, or an undergraduate student in the Hebrew teachers training program.

York plans to offer an annual scholarship of $3,000 to any undergraduate or graduate student from the Hebrew University.



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Samuel Simchovitch (centre), curator of the Beth Tzedec Museum, shows students copy of gold-embossed Darmstadt Haggadah of the 15th century.

Looking on is Debby Rothstein and Michael Buckstein, United Synagogue students. Museum is displaying 17 Haggadahs dating back to 13th century.

Pressure for more French

Day schools face a dilemma

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Jewish day schools are currently coming under pressure to increase the hours of French instruction in their curriculums. Although education leaders in the community are hesitant at this time to reveal details of the intensive negotiations going on with Quebec education officials, it is believed that the present eight hours a week of French instruction may be increased gradually to 15.

"We don't know what response to make until we know if this is only the demands of minor officials or a policy of the minister of education," said Carl Laxer, chairman of the Association of Jewish Day Schools. A full meeting of the day schools has been called this week to discuss what course to take.

"The picture has changed quite a bit — more French instruction will reduce the time available for Jewish studies, and we don't know what effect the government's trimming of its budget will have on us."

Premier Rene Levesque's speech from the throne at the first full session of the National Assembly, March 8, gave little indication of what lay in store for Jewish education and no details of the Parti Quebecois' plans for non-French education, other than that language legislation will reflect a "spirit of adult tolerance."

"Although the pattern for increased French instruction goes back to the Bourassa government," said Mervyn Butovsky, chairman of the Jewish Education Council, "it has never been made definite just how many hours were required, but that there would be a trend toward francization in non-French schools."

Leon Teitelbaum, Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region Chairman, remains hopeful that a modus operandi will be worked out, as has been the case in the past.

"It's the lower echelons that have been pushing for more French, not the minister. We believe we'll be meeting with him (Jacques-Yvan Morin), in three or four weeks' time. Until then everything is in limbo. Only after we speak with the minister will we know where we stand."

McGill law school professor Irwin Cotler sees a gradual switch to French from English as the language of instruction in the day schools.

"By sheer mathematics English must be sacrificed if the present levels of Hebrew or Yiddish instruction are to be maintained," he said.

The pressure for more French instruction reflects the "general and inevitable thrust" toward francization, but to what extent Jewish education will be intruded upon in course content and finances must be made clear, said Cotler.

"The government seems to be dealing with the schools the same way it has been dealing with firms when it comes to subventions — if they satisfy francization requirements, they will be eligible for certain grants.... We're entering an entirely new reality," the McGill professor declared.

Soviet ban on matzah supplies brings CJC protest to Ottawa

By ROSLYN NUDELL

OTTAWA —

The recent ban on the shipping of matzah to the USSR and the arrest of a Jewish activist in Moscow prompted an urgent plea to the Canadian government by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

A small delegation of rabbis and leaders of the National Religious Department of Congress called on the Department of External Affairs and asked the government to inform the Soviet authorities that the ban is viewed as a violation of religious freedom and that the imprisonment of Anatoly Tsharanski has not gone unnoticed.

Dr. Samuel Lewin, director of the National Religious Department, later told The Canadian Jewish News that the delegation was assured its representations would receive immediate and sympathetic consideration from the minister.

It is believed the Canadian embassy in Moscow has been alerted to the situation with a view to making representations to the Soviet authorities.

The Congress delegation was received by Fernand Leblanc, parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson, and two other department officials.

Speaking for the group, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut called the Soviet regulation against the import of "products of flour converted into bread" an aspect of Soviet repression of Jewish identity. Almost no other product of flour but matzah is shipped into the Soviet Union.

The Canadian government, he said, has a moral responsibility to call this ban a violation of the Helsinki agreement, which sets out guidelines on human rights.

"For Jews in the Soviet Union, matzah is not a minor thing," Rabbi Plaut said. "For millions of Jews, matzah becomes their spiritual passport, their means of identity."

Another member of the delegation, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto, pointed out that the ban is an aspect of the Soviet Union's policy of anti-Semitism. "Anti-Semitism in the USSR is deliberately manipulated and stimulated and the ban is part of that campaign," he said.

He also noted that everything the Helsinki agreement stands for is negated by the ban, and the delegation's primary purpose was to convince the Canadian government to convey this to the Soviet authorities.

"This should be done," added Rabbi Pearlson, "with significant haste if any one of

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Passover deadlines

Due to the Passover holidays, The Canadian Jewish News offices will be closed Monday, April 4 and Friday, April 8.

Therefore, the classified and display advertising, and editorial deadline for the April 8 edition will be Thursday, March 31 at 2 p.m.

And for the April 15 edition, the deadline will be Thursday, April 7 at 2 p.m.

Jewish Agency ignores Canada, Granovsky charges

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

An angry Phil Granovsky, national president of the United Israel Appeal, has accused the Jewish Agency and the Israeli government of not giving the Canadian Jewish community the attention it deserves.

At a recent quarterly meeting of the Jewish Agency's board of governors in Jerusalem, Granovsky declared: "Canada is now the second largest producer of cash after the United States. It is my firm conviction that our campaign . . . does not receive the attention from Jerusalem that is warranted."

Granovsky, chairman of the Agency's Assembly Committee, the first non-Israeli to hold that important post, complained that the 1977 campaign "did not receive one major government speaker, and our opening events did not have any speaker at all, until the last moment."

In his address to the Jewish Agency, Granovsky said: "I appeal to the board of governors to treat the speaker requirements for Canada as an absolutely urgent priority. I believe that there may still be time to reverse the 1977 trend in Canada and I suggest that the onus of this responsibility lies with this body. If we are not serious about Canadian requirements for services, Canada will not take seriously Israel's pleas for money."

As if to illustrate his point, Granovsky revealed that the Jewish Agency's budget, during the fiscal year ending March 31 of this year, was cut from $502 million to $420 million due to lack of incoming funds from UJA campaigns throughout the non-Communist world.

He said the proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing on April 1 – $457 million – was inadequate.

In an interview, Granovsky said UIA was particularly interested in such speakers as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, U.S. Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and UN envoy Chaim Herzog. Each had a good grasp of English, projected charisma to one degree or another and could draw large, gift-giving audiences, he noted.

He warned that unless these personages visited Canada, the UIA would raise less funds in the course of this year's campaign. Or, as he put it to the board of governors meeting: "At this juncture, our projections for the Toronto campaign reflect a deficit in excess of $1 million dollars undergiving from that of last year. This to a large measure is caused by the inadequate servicing of the Canadian campaigns."

Granovsky said that senior officials of the Jewish Agency agreed with his critique, promising that Canada would get better servicing in the future.

He also disclosed that he would discuss the problem with the prime minister in June. "I'm sure things will get better," said Granovsky.

Phil Granovsky

(Last October, Granovsky told the UIA national convention in Toronto that Prime Minister Rabin and Defence Minister Peres had pledged that the calibre of speakers visiting Canada would be improved.)

In his comments before the Jewish Agency board of governors, he said: "There are no prominent Israeli speakers coming who will attract major contributors. This after many meetings with Keren Hayesod, discussions with UJA of the United States and promises from the chairman of this executive going back to last July."

Touching on another subject, Granovsky chastised the Jewish Agency for channelling UIA funds to local Zionist organizations, whose "expensive property in Canada... (sits) either idle or with very little return. He said that excess funds should be kept

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Money problems spark austerity in Zionist body

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

TORONTO —

The Zionist Organization of Canada, encountering severe financial difficulties like most national and local Jewish organizations, has slashed its yearly budget by two-thirds, cut staff salaries in half and has sold one summer camp and plans to sell others which are in a deficit position.

As of April 1, the budget for the year 1977-8 will be $50,000, down from $160,000 the year before, said George Liban, ZOC executive vice-president, in an interview. And he, like the rest of the staff, will begin receiving 50% of their previous salaries.

Recently, the ZOC sold Camp Biluim in Huntsville, and announced plans to transfer Camps Kadimah and Machar near Halifax to the Atlantic Jewish Community Council (which will take over the deficit), and to sell the 40-acre site of Camp Massada and Hatikvah near Kelowna, B.C., a move which has created a controversy in the Vancouver Jewish community.

The ZOC has spent $400,000 over the last four years on its camp operations and youth work, Liban said. There are no other plans to sell camps which are doing well or near the break-even point, such as Camp Shalom near Gravenhurst, Camp Solelim near Sudbury, or its camps in the Laurentians.

The organization, with a membership of 2,200 across the country, is currently operating through the use of reserve funds, money from membership and from a new mortgage on its Marlee Avenue building in Toronto. Members pay anywhere from $5 for a one-year membership to $250 for a lifetime affiliation. At its peak in the 1960s, the ZOC had 37,000 members when all contributors of $15 or more to the United Israel Appeal campaign were automatically members.

Discussing his body's financial plight, Liban, long-time professional head of the ZOC, emphasized the organization "is not in a bankrupt position — just short of cash". He stressed that the ZOC has substantial real estate holdings.

The organization, which received the most votes in the last election in Canada in 1972 to the World Zionist Congress, is part of the Canadian Zionist Federation. Explained Liban: "The CZF is well-funded by the Jewish Agency, but we don't receive any of that money."

There is no room for so many variolus Zionist parties and organizations in Canada, he continued, calling for one central organization of which the ZOC would be willing to be part.

Avrom Siegal of Toronto, national chairman of the ZOC Camp Association, told The Canadian Jewish News that funds used from the sale of camps will go to retire debts incurred within its youth movement.

In Vancouver recently, a cross-section of the leadership of the community strongly protested a ZOC decision to sell the B.C. camp complex, which has been losing $20,000 to $25,000 a year.

According to a report in the Western Bulletin, an extraordinary community meeting reacted bitterly to a motion passed at a February national ZOC get-together to sell several camps, including Camp Hatikvah.

At the Vancouver meeting, the ZOC agreed to go along with a motion passed that it not proceed with the sale until Sept. 30, to enable both the ZOC and the community to explore the ramifications of the sale.

Siegal, who has headed the camp committee for 10 years, noted there are two other Jewish camps in the area to service the Jewish youth of British Columbia.

"We have tried to maintain our camps out of operating funds," he explained. "Deficits are borne by bank borrowing....If we do sell the B.C. camp site (expected to garner over $450,000), we may get involved in a smaller camp in the province."

The ZOC, he continued, has agreed to carry on with the camp this season, but unless some arrangement is made by Sept. 30, it will be sold.

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Arab boycott stirs U.K. debate

LONDON [JCNS] —
While Britain's Foreign Secretary David Owen was expressing firm opposition to the Arab boycott in the House of Commons, angry comments were being voiced in the House of Lords over a remark by Lord Winterbottom, who, speaking for the government, referred to the "emotional view" taken by those who had raised the subject.

Lord Winterbottom was replying to Lord Shinwell, who called on the government to protect British firms against subversive tactics. The government, he said, must accept this responsibility and act accordingly.

Replying, Lord Winterbottom said: "The responsibility of the British government is to the British people. Our trade figures are such that in the last accounting period we exported to Israel $566 million worth of goods and $5 billion to the Arab world. We have to balance these factors against any emotional view of the rights and wrongs of the Arab boycott."

This comment drew an immediate protest from Lord Byers, who said: "This is not an emotional view but a matter of moral principle which is at stake." Now that the U.S. has introduced the Tax Reform Act and was contemplating stronger measures, it was time the British government took really tough action on the matter, he said.

Lord Winterbottom replied: "The government is aware of the U.S. legislation and will watch its operation in practice."

Lord Janner said that the only way to stop the blackmailers was to face them firmly.

Lord Winterbottom said that the attitude of the government was that these factors must be left to the judgment of individual firms. Firms seemed to be judging fairly effectively. Exports to both Israel and the Arab world were rising.

Neither the recent cases of the Arab boycott affecting British companies nor the example of the United States, which is strengthening its anti-boycott legislation, has made an impact on the British government.

An exchange of letters between Anthony Steen and the Parliamentary under-secretary of state at the Department of Trade, Michael Meacher, has revealed that the government still has no intention of departing from its entrenched position of immobility.

Meacher replied that "the government cannot sensibly direct or instruct firms to supply specific markets. It must be for our exporters to decide how they deal with the situation which they currently face in doing business with the Middle East. If choices have to be made, they are choices which firms must make in the light of their own commercial judgment."

Steen has again written to the minister, describing his attitude as "insensitive, unsympathetic, unhelpful and couldn't-careless."

Top soldier, Yaffe, dies in jeep crash

MOSHAV HERUT —
One of the veterans of the battle for Jerusalem 10 years ago died of injuries when his jeep struck a mine near Nitzana recently. He was Sgan-Aluf Yossi Yaffe, the commander of the paratroop battalion which captured Ammunition Hill in the 1967 war.

Yaffe, one of Israel's outstanding soldiers, was buried near his village and accorded full military honors. Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur gave the eulogy in the presence of top military figures and a large assembly of mourners.

Lt.-Col. Yaffe was tremendously popular with his men and never hesitated to undertake tasks not ordinarily performed by one of his rank. He was seriously wounded on the last day of the Yom Kippur war.

Yaffe leaves his wife, the former Reena Goverman, three daughters and one son, as well as relatives in Toronto and New York.

Quicker mobolization of reserves needed, defence minister asserts

TEL AVIV [JCNS] —
Defence Minister Shimon Peres has warned that Israel, surrounded by 200 modern mobile anti-aircraft missile batteries, must find a way to reduce the hours needed to mobilize her reserves in the event of an invasion by Arab armies.

Addressing a meeting here of the Operations Research Society, Peres said that because of the improvement of the quality of the Arab armies, Israel has to use the latest early-warning systems available so that she would never be surprised again.

Although not mentioned, the reference by Peres to early warning to enable speedy mobilization of reserves was interpreted here as a warning against the danger from Soviet ships stationed off the Israeli coast, which are able to monitor not only radio but telephone signals.

In the past, Israel has needed up to 72 hours before she could muster her entire reserve strength. Peres said that this time must now be cut. "What we have to do is to make sure that the Arabs will not be tempted again to start a war against us. We must make sure that we will not talk ourselves into believing that all our dangers are behind us."

He added that the Arab armies, which since the 1973 war have spent millions on arms, were now equipped from the West with more sophisticated tanks, planes, artillery, helicopters, rockets and electronics.

The Arabs were co-ordinating their command and strategic forces on all fronts around Israel, he said.

The Operations Research Society has more than 150 members, who work in the fields of operations analysis, systems analysis and the quantitative management sciences.

300,000 Romanian-Israelis rally to aid earthquake victims

By DANIEL SAVILLÉ
TEL AVIV —
The recent earthquake caused concern among ethnic Romanians around the world, including Israel, where there are estimated to be some 300,000 persons of Romanian origin.

Romania was the only Eastern-bloc country that did not sever diplomatic ties with Israel after the Six Day War. As a result, commercial ties between Jerusalem and Bucharest remained vital.

Also, Romania's national airline, Tarom, operates regular flights to Israel, while El Al has scheduled flights to Bucharest.

It was therefore understandable that with the first news of the earthquake, all sectors in Israel, and especially former Romanians, became concerned over the fate of the citizens of that country.

All telephone lines between the two countries were besieged by hundreds, even thousands, of persons eager to contact someone in order to ascertain the fate of relatives and friends.

Within hours of the tragedy, the Magen David Adom began organizing shipments of medicaments and other relief materials, blankets and food stuffs.

El Al and Tarom offered to transport the relief equipment and, within two days, the first consignment left Tel Aviv.

Many other modes of assistance were also organized — ex-Romanian nationals set up a blood bank and donated money and many Romanian doctors volunteered their services, while medical students and others who speak the language volunteered to go to Romania.

Moshe Rosen, Romania's chief rabbi, a frequent and honored visitor to Israel, in his first telephone contact with Israel advised that there were numerous Jewish doctors and other Jews among the dead of Bucharest. El Al's offices were all but destroyed, but there was no one in the building at the time of the earthquake.

Romania today boasts of no less than 70 synagogues, scattered throughout the country, as well as numerous kosher restaurants, and in Bucharest there is even a Yiddish theatre thriving — or was, until the disaster.

Prior to 1939, Romanian Jewry numbered over 800,000 and was recognized as the birthplace of the Yiddish theatre. From its yeshivot, there emerged great Talmudic scholars and some of the earliest Zionist pioneers who settled in Palestine were Romanians.

Today, Jews are free to emigrate to Israel and can apply for visas at the Israeli Embassy under a "family reunion" scheme.

There is an unusual Israeli presence in Romania. The many Israeli tourists who visit the country converse freely in Hebrew, and El Al's offices are very much like a club centre, while on El Al's flights to Bucharest announcements are made in Romanian in addition to Hebrew, English and French.

Israelis were thus more than just deeply touched by the tragic disaster that hit Romania early this month.

"Officer, can we deliver this box of matzah with a lock and chain on it to the Aeroflot officials inside?" asks Martin Koenig, head of Columbia University Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Youths were demonstrating in New York against Kremlin matzah import ban. Reply from inside was a very gruff no.

Haifa branch marks CICC expansion

HAIFA —
The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry announced last week the formation of a branch in Haifa designed to foster expanded commercial relations between Israel's principal port and industrial complex and a major international tourist and convention centre, with the Canadian business community.

More than 45 Haifa companies joined the chamber in its first meeting, at which Aron Schapira, Bank Leumi executive and chairman of the Haifa Convention Bureau, was elected chairman.

An Israel Trade Symposium will be conducted in Haifa on June 10 at the Dan Carmel Hotel, with the participation of a large group of Canadian members of the chamber visiting Israel. The first branch of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry was established in Tel Aviv.

Israeli tank draws praise

WASHINGTON [JCNS] —
A new Israeli tank, the Chariot, has been praised by a U.S. tank warfare expert, Kenneth S. Brower, as "the only truly innovative tank design developed in decades."

In a letter to Armed Forces Journal, a non-governmental military affairs monthly published in Washington, Brower says that the new tank combines "various combat qualities that gives armored units radically new fighting potential.

"It certainly seems an interesting alternative to our conceptually conventional MICV (mobile infantry carrier vehicle) and XM-1 (the latest U.S. tank) combination."

Brower wrote that the design of the Chariot meant that a frontal hit on the vehicle would not result in a "tank kill," but a "mobility kill". The letter pointed out that "mobility kills" could be repaired in a few hours "at brigade level or lower."

Embarrassing disclosure

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —
In the heat of the general election campaign in Israel, there was a possible embarrassment to Prime Minister Rabin, when it was disclosed in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that his wife Leah kept an account in foreign currency in a Washington bank, contrary to Israeli regulations.

The newspaper's correspondent in Washington claimed that he had not only discovered the existence of the account in Mrs. Rabin's name in the Washington National Bank near Dupont Square, but that he had been successful in depositing a sum of money into the account. This money had been accepted by the bank for Mrs. Rabin, he said.

Rabin was quoted as confirming the existence of the dollar account in his wife's name, but he added that it was a question of "a small amount" which had remained pending after his term of service as the Israeli ambassador to the U.S., and which was used for settling outstanding bills which the family left after their departure to Israel.

Mrs. Rabin has also confirmed the existence of the account, stating that it was a question of $2,000 meant for outstanding bills.

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Stella Torontow (centre), of Ottawa, national Youth Aliyah chairman of Hadassah-WIZO, receives scroll towards Youth Aliyah scholarship fund, at campaign launching. Others are Toronto Hadassah executives Sandra Clavir (left), and Roz Mendelson.

JNF dinner to honor Taylor

HAMILTON — Samuel Taylor, president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, will be this city's 24th annual Negev dinner honoree. The event takes place June 5 at Adas Israel Synagogue.

A past-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund here, Taylor has been involved in a variety of Jewish and non-sectarian causes at home and abroad.

In making the announcement of his recent honor, Albert I. Foreman, president of the Jewish National Fund of Hamilton, praised Taylor for "his innovative ideas and deep sense of commitment. His involvement in communal affairs has been consistent and total; his record of accomplishments is truly an outstanding one, to be admired and emulated."

Samuel Taylor

A senior partner in the accountancy firm of Taylor, Leibow, Lukas & Pomerantz, the Negev dinner honoree is currently associate treasurer of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, vice-president of the UIA, Ontario Region, and a board member of the JNF of Canada.

He also serves as first vice-president of Temple Anshe Sholom, president of the Hamilton Musicians Guild and member of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

In the recent past, he has also given service to the Welfare Fund Campaign (chairman) and the JNF Council of Hamilton (president).

This Negev dinner is to be chaired by Dr. Jack J. Shekter. Proceeds from the event will be applied by the JNF toward the continued development of Canada Park, a major new 7,500-acre recreational complex now being created midway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv as Israel's foremost leisure facility.

Layton: My arguments are misunderstood

'Church shaped anti-Semitism'

By BONNIE HUROWITZ

TORONTO — The Christian religion itself did not do "terrible things" to the Jews, but it created a situation in which it was possible for such things to occur, Irving Layton told a capacity crowd at Hillel House last week.

"My argument on this subject has been distorted and completely misunderstood," claimed the award-winning Canadian poet, who believes that "early Christian theological anti-Semitism was responsible for shaping and creating a climate in which Hitler and his cohorts were able to murder six million Jews while the world looked on passively.

"Hitler could never have exterminated the cat or dog population of Europe," he claimed. "There were too many animal lovers. But no one loved the Jews. While Hitler wanted to exterminate the 'misfits' of society, the church protested. But no voice of protest was raised when Jews were gassed."

Looking like a modern day prophet with silver hair disarrayed and wearing a black turtleneck and dangling pendant, Layton expounded his own interpretation of the real significance of Jesus Christ, whom he prefers to call by his Hebrew name of Jeshua.

"I think that Jesus was a great prophet and he belongs in the succession of great Hebrew prophets. It was just an historical accident that he was wrenched from his place, and I want to restore him to his proper niche," he said.

According to Layton, "Christianity is nothing else but Judaism with a nose job. If you're a good Jew, then you're a good Christian."

He's anxious that Christians become aware of the Judaic origins of their religion and that they realize that all their basic precepts came from the Old Testament.

Later, he was questioned further about his feelings towards Jesus. Why does he insist on seeing Jesus as his brother?

"In his name, Christians have done very obscene things to Jews, and I can't think of a better way of pulling the rug out from underneath the feet of anti-Semites than by saying that Jesus is my brother, and you're not living up to his teachings."

Layton is proud of his Judaism and his Jewish heritage. He pointed out that "when you look at history, you see that empires have come and gone, but we are here and we flourish and we have always flourished, despite historical circumstances. The Jews have always contributed to society, in a way which is far more significant than their numbers would suggest.

"The Jew has played an important role in the drama of the world, and it hasn't stopped, and it may never stop. I, personally, never lose the sense that I am different. I have a sense of destiny, and this is what I will hand on to my children."

Bonds names Rusonik executive chairman

TORONTO — Milton Rusonik has been appointed executive chairman of the Israel Bonds Campaign for 1977, George A. Cohon, national campaign chairman, and Norine Daniels, national vice-president, Ontario Region, announced.

His appointment comes after outstanding performance in past campaigns in the lawyers division of the Bonds campaign, as well as synagogue Bonds chairman of the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

He has also served as president of Beth Tikvah Synagogue as well as vice-president of the United Synagogues Day Schools.

Milton Rusonik

His wife, Gloria, is chairman of the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood. They have four young children.

Michael Marcus joins the staff of Ontario UIA

TORONTO — Michael Marcus, 27, has been appointed to the Ontario Region United Israel Appeal staff as assistant director, where he will join Executive Director Ben Ocopnick in servicing the region, it was announced by Ontario UIA Chairman Alex Serota.

A native of Kingston, where he attended Queen's University, Marcus was very active in the Canadian Young Judaea Youth Movement. After graduating from the Institute for Youth Leaders in Jerusalem in 1970, and then working with Young Judaea back in Canada for a short period of time, he made aliyah to Israel in 1971 and served in the Israel defence forces, attaining the rank of regional security officer.

A founding member of Kibbutz Ketura, near Eilat, Marcus was the irrigation specialist in this pioneer community.

Until recently the executive director for the UIA Atlantic Region, he was the first director of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

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Primacy of UJA

Tzedakah

The generosity of the Jews of Toronto and the ready willingness to help those who need help is truly amazing. Nowhere is tzedakah practiced more fervently than in our community. As a matter of fact, an unofficial count taken last year indicated that more than 250 fund-raising campaigns are conducted here annually, and all for worthy Jewish causes.

It is natural with so much fund-raising activity that some members of the community prefer one charity over another. Giving to one's "favorite" charity is quite understandable, as long as that charity is serving a useful purpose.

But no charity — no matter how worthy — takes precedence over the United Jewish Appeal. Joe Berman, chairman of the 1977 UJA campaign, insists that "you haven't fulfilled your obligation to the community until you have made your UJA gift." In the Guide for Giving, which he developed, Mr. Berman recommends that at least 70% of all of an individual's charitable donations be directed to the United Jewish Appeal.

It is Mr. Berman's opinion, also, that a contributor should never take a "piece" out of the UJA gift for another charity. The UJA is the prime source of funding for Israel and local needs and, therefore, a gift to the UJA should not be considered negotiable. "The schools, the social service agencies, the universities and the many other services we fund here and in Israel are in no position to be bargained with," he says. "Their budgets, which are scrutinized with extreme diligence before an allocation is made, are not sufficiently flexible to withstand reductions."

Mr. Berman's views on the primacy of the UJA campaign are not a promotional gimmick. The Israel government and the Jewish Agency have, on numerous occasions, declared that the UJA comes first. And from a local point of view, there can be no argument that the UJA must take precedence because the operations of so many agencies depend on it.

We agree with Joe Berman when he says that the UJA represents a voluntary self-taxation system. It is a uniquely Jewish way of Jews helping Jews that has worked well throughout the years. It will continue to work for the benefit of all if its role is fully understood and if other fund-raising activities become auxiliary to and not competitive with the major campaign.

Aims to destroy Israel

The PLO tells the truth

For once, the PLO was telling the unvarnished truth when its National Council said the destruction of Israel is still the goal which they intend to achieve. Any hope that the council would drop this plank from its policy platform evaporated when the Palestinians reaffirmed their intention to work for the elimination of the Jewish state.

In the light of this development, the mounting pressure being exerted to have Israel attend a Geneva peace conference and sit at the same table as those bent on destroying her, borders on the ridiculous. Since when is a nation required to negotiate with her would-be murderers? Israel has been saying for many months that the PLO has never deviated from its avowed goal of seeking her elimination.

Unfortunately, there are more than a few of the world leaders who have been hoodwinked by the Arab propagandists who claim their movement is dedicated to peace and that Israel is the stumbling block. The kind of peace the PLO wants has no room for a Jewish state, and the sooner this fact sinks home in the minds of Western leaders, the sooner will there be a realistic reappraisal of what has to be done in the Middle East.

An Israel without defensible borders would be at the mercy of a hostile Arab world. The pre-1967 map will be remade, making it possible for legitimate Arab aspirations to be achieved, but Israel will never consent to a map that places her in jeopardy. To do so would be to break faith with those who gave their lives to safeguard Israel's nationhood.

The message has come through loud and clear: the liquidation of Israel is still the No. 1 priority of the PLO. Those well meaning members of the Jewish communities in the Western world who believe the Arab world wants to live in harmony with Israel, and who have held unofficial and tentative talks with Arab leaders, are performing a disservice to the Jewish state. The refusal of the PLO to abandon its goal is complete vindication for Israel's steadfast refusal to deal with terrorists masquerading as liberators of their people.

Lebanese reminder

The assassination of leftist Lebanese leader Kamal Jumblatt is unlikely to precipitate a renewal of fighting in that country. However, it is indicative of the fact that Lebanon — once an eminently stable nation — still teeters on the edge of anarchy.

The problems which triggered the civil war remain unsolved, and it is debatable whether the Syrian expeditionary force can impose its will on the embittered rival factions. Four months after Syrian tanks rumbled into Beirut, Lebanon is all but partitioned into Christian and Moslem enclaves; the army is as divided as it was when Lieut. Ahmed Khatib formed the breakaway Lebanese Arab Army 1½ years ago; the Palestinians, though chastened by the outcome of the struggle, are still a powerful element in Lebanese politics, and the middle class Christians are determined to cling to their economic and political privileges.

Jumblatt's violent death is thus a reflection of the tragic disarray in Lebanon, and a forceful reminder to Israel that its neighbor to the north — the Good Fence notwithstanding — must be watched very carefully indeed.

Tongue in cheek

It is not true, as some would have it, that North American Judaism has contributed nothing to the millenial experiences of the Jewish people.

The cynics make this charge in the following way: Babylonian Jewry gave us the Talmud. The Jews of Spain gave us Ibn Ezra and Maimonides. French Jewry bequeathed us the magnificent simplicity of Rashi. Polish Jewry supplied us with generations of Talmudists. Russian Jewry gave us "the light of the exile," Elija Gaon of Vilna.

And what has North American Judaism contributed to the ever-expanding dynamism of the Jewish people? The question is a bold one, but we assure you it can be answered.

The first original contribution was chocolate-covered matzah. No Jewish generation before the 20th century was able to generate the artistic and gastronomic genius which was required to blend that unique mixture of Egyptian suffering and North American tastes.

Similarly, no previous Jewish society had the requisite architectural finesse to produce what has become a revolutionary institution in Jewish life — the portable succah. Our ancestors did not enjoy the pleasures of modern technology; the age of prefab was denied them.

But there is no area in Jewish life which has been more innovative than in the restaurant sphere. Who would have thought in the days of ghetto sequestration that one day North American Jews would be luxuriating in kosher-Italian and kosher-Chinese eating establishments?

In this context, we are pleased to report the news which comes from Pittsburgh to the effect that the ultimate synthesis has now been achieved between American Judaism and its peculiar civilization. Hold your breath — there is now a kosher Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Before we intone a shehekhiyanu, consideration must be given to what is truly the most significant contribution which American Jews have left as a legacy to future generations. Whether it will rank in importance with the Shulkhan Arukh, the code of Jewish law — this can only be decided by posterity.

The latest issue of the B'nai B'rith Monthly carries an advertisement for the ultimate in objets d'art. We are not referring to some prosaic spice box, Torah pointer or menorah.

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Who says that North America has offered nothing to the grandeur of Jewish history and civilization?

Comment

Israelis are being used as scapegoats

By ARIEH MELITZ

Your headline (CJN, Feb. 18) is ominous of yet another divisive trend within the Canadian Jewish community and particularly the Zionist leadership. To paraphrase our enemies, it even contains the seed of racism.

Having failed among Canadian Jews who proclaim to be ardent Zionists in the goal of Zionism — which is the return of Jews to the Land of Israel — the Zionist leadership has found a scapegoat to calm its conscience — the Israelis.

Our enemies have mocked us by saying that "a Zionist is one who collects money from a second person so that a third one will go to Israel". This certainly seems to be true about today's leadership of the Canadian Zionist Federation. In their bulletin, Reporter, dated Dec. 31, 1976, under the heading CZF Aliyah Department, we can read: "One of the priorities of the department is the encouragement of Israelis to return to Israel".

Now, who are those Israelis that are to be encouraged to leave Canada and go back from where they came? Are they a different breed; are they a different race that we have to have a priority to send them to Israel? If going to Israel is the right thing to do, where are the thousands of Canadian Zionists with their leaders?

And what does "encouragement to return" mean? Does it mean not to assist them with constructive advice, not to advise them of employment or business opportunities, and not to welcome them socially? To criticize them for leaving Israel at a time that is important for Zionist leaders here that "others" should be there?

If the Canadian Zionist Federation and the leaders of the Jewish community are interested in a strong, well-populated Israel, they should concentrate in encouraging aliyah from within the Jewish community, without pointing a finger who should be encouraged. In doing so, they should have the courage to go to Israel and find out what is good and what is bad there. Why do people live in Israel; why do people leave Israel?

For years, we were led to believe that what the government of Israel does is good and indisputable. If there were doubts or criticism, it was covered up by the red herring of "security" or "defence".

There is an old Jewish saying that "der hering shtinkt fun kop", meaning that the herring smells from the head, but implying that if something is wrong somewhere, it is because it started at the top.

After 30 years under the same political leadership, if the ultimate response to national criticism is the red herring of "security", then the problem is not security but the inability of the political leadership to change it.

It becomes now clearer by the day that the way of life and economical conditions in Israel are not so much related to the security problem but to the problems of economic corruption, favoritism and moral decline.

The increased emigration from Israel is the direct result of the failure of the government to maintain the high standard of morals on which the state of Israel was created, but to slump into corrupted opportunism that erodes the very essence of Israel's existence.

Instead of looking at what is wrong and where they might have failed in the quality of life in Israel, government officials come out with declarations berating Israelis who left and call to ostracize them.

Instructions were given to Israeli-related institutions not to employ them nor their children. They are called yordim, looked down on as if they betrayed their country.

The leadership of the Canadian Zionist Federation seems to echo some of the sentiments of the Israeli officials, and now they decided to "encourage" the return of the Israelis. I believe in this country, it is called discrimination.

You embarked on a dangerous path. We all criticized the UN and the countries that voted to equate Zionism with racism. Some of our enemies say that they distinguish between Jews and Zionists. Now they distinguish between Jews and Israelis.

I am an Israeli, residing now in Canada, and am called a yored. Long before some of the Canadian Zionist parents or their parents came here, my parents went with us to the land of Israel. This was in 1924. We lived there till 1928 and returned to Europe. We were, in fact, yordim. However, nobody criticized us. We were even respected for giving it an honest try.

Nobody felt that we owe them to live in the land of Israel, because they contribute money to Zionism. But the moral strength of Zionism was there. In 1935, we felt again strong enough to return to the land of Israel. We have done our share in the War of Independence, which left me with a disability to serve now in the army or reserve.

Circumstances brought me and my wife to Canada. We have two children born here. My children have been five times to Israel. My wife and myself go there every year. In the Yom Kippur War, during the difficult days of fighting and before the ceasefire was declared, my wife went to Israel to work in a military hospital. We felt that in time of national danger, at least one person of each Jewish family should be in Israel. We said it; we did it.

This is more than most Canadian Zionist leaders can say or do for themselves. What they need is not to encourage the Israelis to return, but to encourage themselves to go.

Unfavorable cultural climate causes calamitous intellectual drain in U.K.

LONDON (JCNS) —

A substantial rise in the rate of intermarriage, an increase in apathy among youth and in the number of divorces, are a grave danger to British Jews, says the country's chief rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits.

In a paper he wrote for presentation at the second conference on Jewish life in modern Britain, the rabbi warns that even the most Orthodox groups are no longer entirely immune to divorce, constituting an assault on the solidarity of the Jewish family.

The student scene is even more dismal, he said. The proportion of students actively taking part in Jewish society affairs rarely exceeded 10%, he noted, adding: "The academic fraternity suffers by far the highest fallout rate of any group within the community."

The blame for what he called the "calamitous intellectual drainage" was partly caused by an unfavorable cultural climate in the community.

"With a scale of values in which Jewishly ignorant men of wealth or influence take precedence over scholars and intellectuals on the communal leadership ladder, academics are bound to feel estranged and repelled."

Outside the universities, the picture is equally bad. The chief rabbi quoted a survey carried out in 1962, which claimed that well under half the young Jews between 13 and 22 were members of Jewish youth organizations.

"The statistics have remained basically unchanged. And in the light of the religiously neutral, or occasionally even distinctly secularist atmosphere at most clubs, they are meaningless as a pointer to religious commitment.

Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits

"Many adolescents are already lost to Judaism at the passing-out parade called Bar Mitzvah."

The chief rabbi calls for the number of Jews attending Jewish day schools to be raised to 30%. "If this can be done, their impact on the regeneration of Jewish life may reclaim the remaining 70%."

The numbers attending Jewish schools has already doubled in the last 16 years, he added. "At several schools there are now four applicants for every available place." The number of full-time students at yeshiva has also doubled. The combined figures amounted to an education revolution.

But the rate of intermarriage is not as healthy. The proportion of synagogue marriages has dropped by just over half and is much less than the number of church ceremonies in the wider community.

"The most disturbing cause is a substantial rise in the intermarriage rate. But I doubt if it exceeds 20%, and is certainly lower than in America and most other West European countries."

The chief rabbi attacked the standard of adult education in the community. "Anglo-Jewry as a whole is Jewishly more illiterate than most other communities.

"A survey in 1959 showed that while more than half the Jews interviewed had a car and 86% had a television set, only 27% had bought a book in the past year and only three percent, a religious book.

"I doubt if this lamentable showing has changed since then. The literary demand is simply too small to create a competitive supply of books."

Adult education is not as popular as in America, and Rabbi Jakobovits spoke of a "gross imbalance" of expenditure on synagogues and education.

In the 1960s, he claimed, new synagogues were built, providing a total of 26,000 extra seats, but new schools and Hebrew classes catered for only 5,100 pupils.

"A disproportion of such magnitude is unparalleled anywhere else, as is the continued lack of any adequate communal fund-raising for education."

The type, as well as the rate of assimilation in Britain differs from most other communities. "The fully assimilated British Jew is completely integrated in his non-Jewish environment.

"If he stands for Parliament, his religion is scarcely known to the public. In ethnically more conscious America, such religious anonymity is both unattainable and inconceivable."

The result is that British assimilation is more final, and Jews often reach "the point of no return" more easily than Americans.

This process is likely to reduced the size of the community to only 300,000 in the next generation. It now numbers 450,000.

But the community of the future would probably gain in intensity what it lost in numbers.

If Jewish education did not improve, Rabbi Jakobovits warned, assimilation would continue and the religious element in the community would become even more defensive and inward-looking, protecting its integrity by isolation.

It would mean a return to the ghetto mentality of 100 years ago.

Out of Triangle fire's charred horror emerged new industrial legislation

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

Modern history simply refers to March 25, 1911 as the day of the Triangle fire.

Fires taking a tragic toll in human lives were not out of the ordinary then, but the Triangle fire would be forever etched in the history books because of two factors.

The clamor for women's apparel in the United States was such that only mass production in a factory system could meet the demand. The factory system continued the tradition of long hours and low wages for the workers. But, unlike the scattered employees who recently did contract work, mainly in their own homes, the factory system afforded an opportunity for employees to be organized into unions.

The Triangle Waist Company came into being to meet the latest demand in women's fashions. By the day of the fire it employed approximately 1,000 workers, many of whom were young Jewish women, and occupied the top three floors of a 10-storey building in Manhattan's predominately Jewish needle-trade district.

There are several versions of why the fire took approximately 150 lives, most of whom were women, with hair and clothes ablaze, who jumped to the pavement below to their death. The most common explanation is that attempts had been made to unionize the employees. To prevent union organizers from entering the premises, the owners were said to have locked many doors.

It is commonly believed that a male worker carelessly tossed a still-lit cigarette on the floor, which ignited the highly inflammable laces, silks and cottons. The one fire escape on the outside of the building proved to be hopelessly inadequate for so many people and impossible for most to get to since the fire spread with such rapidity. The firemen's ladders were too short and the nets tore on the impact of the jumping workers.

The hopelessness of the employees was augmented by the helplessness of those who had come to save them. The rescuers could do little more than stand on the sidewalk and look at the death and destruction taking place above them. To this was added the shortage of ambulances to meet such an emergency and, soon, the shortage of coffins for the victims.

From out of the charred horrors of the Triangle fire eventually came legislation making buildings safer for workers. As well, the tragedy focused attention on the long hours and low pay of factory workers and the need for them to join unions to ameliorate such conditions.

It took several more decades before federal legislation would ensure adequate protection of all the rights of workers. In the meantime, as each battle was fought on behalf of America's labor force, there stood in the background the haunting memory of the Triangle fire.

SCROLL CELEBRATED

Members of Bloor-Spadina 'Y' in Toronto celebrate acquisition of new Torah, donated by Alex Solomon, for their chapel. Sixty-six members are currently overseas visiting Israel and Great Britain. Heading the group is Irv Soren, director of the Bloor YMHA.

what's new...

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

CANADIAN JEWRY DAY

March 27 has been officially proclaimed Canadian Jewry Day in Jerusalem by Mayor Teddy Kollek, in recognition of our contribution to the rebuilding and development of that city. Events scheduled for the day include the dedication of the Canadian Centre for the Social Sciences on the Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University. Among those attending these special events will be Israeli government officials, Edward Lee, the Canadian ambassador, and a mission led by Allan Bronfman, national president of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

ISRAELI QUIZ

Don't forget about the Israeli Quiz marking the country's 29th Independence Day. It offers loads of prizes — trips to Israel, scholarships and camp holidays. The quiz is based on the book, **Israel Pocket Library — History from 1880**, which can be obtained from various youth movements, Hebrew day schools, congregational schools and the northern 'Y', along with answer sheets and entry forms also listed in March 11 issue of The CJN. Forms have to be sent to the Israel Quiz Committee at 788 Marlee Ave. before March 31. For anyone not affiliated with any of the organizations, a quiz will be conducted at the northern 'Y' on Sunday, April 17 at 11 a.m. Otherwise, participating groups will hold their own competitions, with the winner going on to the finals on Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Thursday, April 21. For further information, call the committee office at 781-4660.

MORE ABOUT PASSOVER

Beth Torah Congregation's institute is set for Sunday, the 27th, at 10 a.m. with Rabbi Solomon Domb giving a lecture on the Haggadah and customs of Passover, followed by a question and answer period.

On Monday at 8 p.m., the North-East Jewish Community Services is sponsoring a workshop covering the preparation of the seder plate, music for the holiday and a craft demonstration. Information booklets will be available. It takes place at Hillcrest Community Library, 5801 Leslie St.

You can grace your seder table with special, round, hand-baked shmurah matzah, which can be obtained from the Lubavitch Youth Organization. They also have a holiday handbook and laws pertaining to erev Pesach that falls on the Sabbath.

DEADLINE CHANGES

Due to the upcoming holidays, deadline dates for material for the April 8 issue will be Thursday, March 31, at noon, and for the April 15 issue, it will be Thursday, April 7.

TORONTO BOYS CHOIR

Just back from a successful tour of the U.S. and Israel, the Toronto Boys Choir, under the direction of Heshy Nussbaum, will be appearing in concert this Saturday, the 26th, at 8:30 p.m. at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College. It is sponsored by the Reena Foundation. For information, call Syrma Kochberg at 222-4875 or the Foundation office at 630-3035.

CASINO ROYALE

Also on Saturday, fun and games will be the order of the evening at Shaar Shalom Congregation's Casino Royale, called for 8 at Hotel Triumph. Proceeds will help build a sanctuary on their land at Don Mills and Steeles Ave., East.

FOR YIDDISHISTS

At the Sunday, the 27th, meeting of the Yiddish Culture Council, writer-teacher Ada Lappin of Israel (formerly of Toronto) will talk about **Jewish Writers in American Literature.** It takes place at 8:30 p.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave., West.

SUNDAY FOR SINGLES

The "Forty up" group of the Labor Zionist Alliance will be dancing to the Norm Derrin band from 8 p.m. on at their centre.

The World of the 'Y' Singles have planned a cultural evening starting at 8:15, at the northern 'Y', with a talk on **Mass Manipulation — Can We Fight Back?** by writer-film maker Michael Riordon.

Also at the northern 'Y', the New Young Adults are having a pub disco with sounds by Mickey Kay. That's at 8:30.

TEENAGERS DANCE

The northern 'Y' is a busy spot — there's a dance for teenagers (12-18) from 8:30-11:30 p.m. on Saturday, the 26th, with disc jockey Super Steve.

ZIONIST LECTURE

Human Rights in the Middle East is the topic under discussion at the combined meeting of the Toronto Zionist Council and the Toronto Student Zionists on Tuesday, March 29. Guest speaker is Yoram Dinstein, visiting law professor at the University of Toronto. The time is 8 p.m. at the Medical Sciences Building at the U of T.

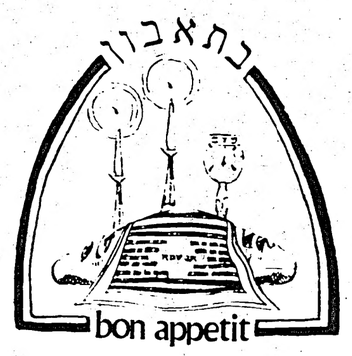
WOMEN PARTICIPATE

In perhaps what might turn out to be a forerunner for group Bat Mitzvahs for women who have passed the age of 13, five women of Beth Sholom Synagogue's Young Marrieds staged a presentation at the conclusion of the Torah reading at Shabbat services recently. Under the guidance of Rabbi Meir Gottesman and Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg, Beverly Birkan, Linda Bromberg, Marianna Gruenblatt, Diane Herskovitch and Sonia Rowan read the Shema Israel and chanted the Hebrew version of A Woman of Valor. The presentation concluded with a five-minute talk by Mrs. Birkan, on behalf of the group, on the importance of tradition in ensuring the survival of the Jewish people.

DAFFODIL DAY PARADE

If you are in downtown Toronto next Friday, April 1, around noon, you'll catch the Daffodil Day Parade put on by the Canadian Cancer Society. It travels from Devonshire Place to Bay St., and down Bay to Front St. Lieut.-Gov. Pauline McGibbon leads off in an open landau, with a long list of well-knowns following.

Rice and lentil dish is splendid time-saver



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

You know the feeling — you are slap-bang in the middle of elaborate preparations for a heavy piece of entertaining, perhaps checking that the saffron rice does not cook itself into a mush, while at the same time folding egg whites into a delicate sponge-cake mixture; and testing to see if the roast is ready to come out of the oven — when some wretched member of the family will appear and have the temerity to complain that he/she is hungry and wants a meal.

When all systems are go, you have scant sympathy for anyone else's hunger pangs. And you certainly do not want them bumbling around in your path, opening and shutting 'fridge and cupboard doors, and deciding how to pamper themselves, without even thinking of asking whether you yourself could do with a cup of coffee.

The main points to remember in order to prevent this clash of interests, is to make one's preparations well in advance, and not to take on too much. However, like Alice, I am very fond of giving myself advice, but not so good at following it.

Only faulty planning could have accounted for the excruciating experience I let myself in for, when quite apart from ordinary catering for the family, I arranged a rather elegant and complicated birthday supper for a Thursday night, had guests for Friday night and for Kiddush the next day...and on Saturday night, entertained no less than a dozen, somewhat formal, visitors to coffee.

In order to cope with the exigencies of everyday life and mealtimes while getting under way with preparations for The Event, it is well to have some easy, filling meals available, so as not to waste scarce resources of time, temper, inspiration and creativity.

Even in traditional Jewish communities, where women's time was not as scarcely rationed as it is today, the problem was not unknown.

To cope with it, certain dishes were customarily served on rushed days, so as to leave ample time for giving one's all to the real thing. Sabbath preparations are a case in point, because good timing is of the essence.

In the Iraqi community, I am told that **Kitcheri**, a simple, sustaining, rice- and lentil dish, was regular Thursday fare, served to allow the homemaker to devote herself to the real business of the day, which was making headway with the Sabbath preparations.

The name Kitcheri means a kind of stew or mush, and in India was the prototype of the Anglo-Indian dish **Kedgeree**, which came to refer to a type of flaked fish and rice casserole.

This Iraqi version of Kitcheri is a rice and lentil dish, tinted with tomato, redolent of cumin, and strongly flavored with quantities of fried onions and garlic.

It is eaten with the addition of either a fried egg or a generous amount of plain yoghurt stirred into each portion. However, if you are enthusiastic about the taste of Kitcheri, you can cut out the dairy accompaniments, and serve it along with grilled chicken or stuffed vegetables.

Despite its name, Kitcheri is not intended to emerge a stodgy mush. Before the addition of egg or yoghurt, the rice grains ought to be gleaming and separate.

This dish is made with red lentils, which partially disintegrate during cooking, contributing to the distinctive taste. The garlic is meant to be dominant — so no cheating on the six cloves in the recipe.

Kitcherie

1 cup red lentils, washed and soaked 30 mins.
2 cups long-grain rice, washed and soaked 30 mins.
3 onions
6 fat cloves garlic, crushed
2 tsp. tomato paste
1 tblsp. salt
1 tsp. cumin
1/2 cup dried apricots or 1/2 cup raisins (both optional)
oil
water

1. cover bottom of a medium-sized saucepan with a thin layer of oil, heat oil and fry one roughly-chopped onion for a few moments. Before onion changes color, add 2 cups water, salt, tomato paste, and cumin. The dried fruit may also be added, if used. Bring to boil and let simmer for 5 mins.

2. add lentils, return to boil and simmer for a further 5 mins. then add rice. Cook uncovered until holes appear, then cook, covered closely, over a low heat until tender, but not stodgy

3. now sprinkle on 1/4 cup cold water very carefully to settle grains and remove from heat. Pour oil into a frying pan to cover bottom of pan to depth of 1/4". Slice remaining onions thinly and fry in oil until barely colored. Add garlic and fry until onions become sweet and caramelized and garlic becomes golden. Do not allow to scorch or the taste of the dish will be ruined. Now turn garlic and onions with a large amount of the oil, into the rice and combine carefully with a fork. Eat piping hot, with a few tablespoons of yogurt or a fried egg stirred into each portion

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Group meets envoy

VANCOUVER —

When the Soviet ambassador to Canada visited Vancouver for the opening of the USSR Academy of Sciences Exhibition, Kosmos '77, a group representing the Council of Christians and Jews, met with him at the mayor's office. The meeting was arranged through the mayor of Vancouver, Jack Volrich. The group consisted of Rabbi A. Cooper, Rev. Val Anderson and Nat Bent.

Prior to the meeting, a letter was sent to the ambassador by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews deploring the Soviet Union's interpretation of the Helsinki agreement.

At a press conference and a dinner hosted by the ambassador and the board of trustees of the museum, a group of students led by Murray Zimmerman and Eric Soll handed out leaflets.

No abatement in the dropouts, Almogi states

By YITZHAK SHARGIL

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Josef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, says the incidence of dropouts among Jews who leave the Soviet Union is showing no abatement. On the other hand, he said, aliyah from France was encouraging and, even more so, the volunteer movement which, he said, is yielding between ¼ and ⅓ of the olim.

He said he expected the aliyah rate to remain at about 20,000 in 1977, the same as last year, unless unforeseen developments change the picture. Speaking to reporters in his office here, Almogi disclosed that the dropout rate ranges between 49-58% of Soviet Jewish emigres.

He said that 1,300 Jews left the USSR in January of whom 708, or 58%, did not go to Israel. In February, 1,000 Jews left the USSR but 523 remained in Europe awaiting visas to go to countries other than Israel.

Almogi said that 15,000 volunteers came to Israel in 1976, compared to 11,000 the previous year. Volunteers are persons who spend a year or longer working in Israel while they decide whether to remain here permanently.

...about people

Ida Siegel

This Sunday, the 27th, will be a big day for **Ida Siegel**. That's when the nonagenarian is to be honored by Canadian Jewish Congress. Known as the grandmother of Toronto's Jewish community, whose active career goes back to the 1880s, she was Canada's first Jewish woman to be elected to the Toronto Board of Education. She will be presented with the Samuel Bronfman Medal at the Sunday meeting of the Congress national executive in Toronto.

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Presently on leave in Israel, Prof. **Marty Wall** returns to the University of Toronto next month, where he was with the psychology department, to take up his new duties as program co-ordinator for the Transitional Year Program. That's a catch-up year for people short of the university requirements.

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TV viewers are in for a treat this Wednesday evening, March 30, when CBC-TV airs **Homage to Chagall — The Colors of Love**, in which the 89-year-old artist, **Marc Chagall**, looks over a long and productive career amidst the colors of his own works. The show is the brain-child of writer-producer-director **Harry Rasky**, with narration by **James Mason** and **Joseph Wiseman**, and music by **Louis Applebaum**.

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At the mid-year conference of the alumni of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University earlier this month, Toronto's **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, was speaker at the morning session of the all-day event. The topic was **Jewish Education: The Transition from the Individual to the Family**. The alumni consists of over 1,400 rabbis who were ordained at the seminary.

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A note from our northern communities — A Masonic synagogue parade in Kirkland Lake Synagogue marked the installation of **Nathan Kaplan** as master of Corinthian Masonic Lodge. The service was led by **Alex Serota**, UIA Ontario chairman, assisted by **Leonard Bernstein**, and attended by masons from Kirkland Lake and surrounding districts, representing five lodges. At the conclusion, there was a question and answer period regarding the Jewish religious service.

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A testimonial dinner given last Saturday evening by Beth Torah Congregation honored four past presidents — **Milton Turkienicz, Sid Chapnick, Ben Eidelman** and **Jack Rothman**, who were each presented with a gold medallion commemorating their term of office.

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The elevation of **Joel Barnett**, chief secretary to the Treasury, to the British cabinet, brings to four the number of Jews among Britain's top-ranking ministers — an all-time record. An MP since 1964 and a treasury minister since 1974, Barnett, 53, joins the three other Jewish members of the cabinet — **Harold Lever**, who, as chancellor to the Duchy of Lancaster, is the prime minister's advisor on financial matters; **Edmund Dell**, trade secretary, and **John Silkin**, minister for agriculture, fisheries and food.

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Rabbi Meir Gottesman of Beth Sholom Congregation and author of Sparks from the Torah column, affixes mezuzah to front door of The Canadian Jewish News' new home on Eglinton Ave. East. Looking on is Ray D. Wolfe (left), chairman of The CJN board of directors, and Donald Carr, board member.

Sargon confirmed as CZF director; LZA head censured for 'vendetta'

TORONTO [Staff] — Eliot Sargon has been confirmed as the new executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation's Central Region.

The former vice-president of the Colorado Zionist Federation was given a two-year contract, which will be reviewed after six months.

According to reports, no one present at the CZF executive meeting voted against Sargon's confirmation. But Henry Cohen-Sittayoun, executive director of the Labor Zionist Alliance, Toronto District, claimed that Sargon had not received a majority of the votes.

Cohen-Sittayoun was censured at the meeting for touching off a controversy over Sargon's appointment. He accused three Zionist leaders of hiring the 27-year-old American without the knowledge or approval of the executive committee.

Claiming that only five or six out of 11 executive committee members voted for Sargon, with the rest abstaining, Cohen-Sittayoun said: "Maybe they didn't like the manner in which he was hired." He said his disclosures may have the effect of democratizing the CZF.

Max Shecter, one of those named by Cohen-Sittayoun, said Sittayoun had taken his complaint to The Canadian Jewish News for purely personal reasons. He accused him of "carrying on a personal vendetta."

Shecter disclosed that Cohen-Sittayoun was not among the four final candidates for the CZF executive directorship. "He was nowhere in the ballpark." Shecter criticized The Canadian Jewish News for publicizing what he termed an internal matter. "Isn't there anything sacred in this community? There are certainly more substantive matters in the community than Henry Cohen's personal gripes."

Max Goody, deputy president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, said Shecter had apologized for not having consulted his hiring committee before appointing Sargon.

CBC film a warm encounter

T.V.

By JENIVA BERGER

Converging Lines, a two-part television documentary on the Jewish and Islamic religions, was an interesting prelude to a new series on the major religions of the world planned by CBC Executive Producer Leo Rampen.

They were seen on CBC television last Sunday and Monday evenings, the Sunday 10 p.m. viewing being allotted to the hour-long **A People, A Land, A Book — Judaism**.

Since I saw the latter at a special screening and had to dash off to meet a deadline, I didn't catch the second film, **The Surrender — Islam**, which followed. I rather think that, though the films can certainly stand alone, one would probably have got a good deal more out of seeing both and drawing private conclusions as to why the series was called **Converging Lines**.

Seen as a solo, **A People, A Land, A Book**, was a thoroughly satisfying study of the importance of Judaism in the lives of one family, and Producer Herb Krosney wisely led us into some very human situations.

Krosney, who filmed both in Jerusalem and Toronto, followed the lifestyle of one family who have moved from Toronto to Israel, illuminating the relationships between them during their day-to-day living and numerous Sabbath eve discussions, all the while working into the core of the film the linking of generations by tradition.

"Observance is continuity," says the father, Avraham Avi Hai, to one of his daughters, and we weren't simply told these nice-sounding phrases but shown them through a workable and interesting structure.

We travelled with Avi Hai and his daughter, Shoshana, to visit family in Toronto, the girl going to an Orthodox summer camp in Northern Ontario, the father staying in the city attending family functions, visiting the Baycrest Hospital with his elderly father, who does philanthropic work there, and asking members of a UJA committee in a luxurious looking boardroom, "What motivates a people living outside Israel to help Israel?"

Krosney intercut nicely between the camp, Toronto and Israel scenes and threaded all of them with the things crucial to Jewish identity: the intimacy of holiday services, the mitzvahs, the quest for knowledge, the family ties, and above all, the strengthening of bonds with the state of Israel.

These were all seen through very personal lenses, which added an extra dimension of depth to Krosney's work.

Numerous films have certainly studied religious practices, but too often, though correctly interpreted, the cold objectivity of people performing rather than enacting and interrelating have made them academic.

Krosney, who apparently had good rapport with his people, took us into the familiarity of the family living room, where we were able to feel the emotion of the group spontaneously.

In one scene particularly, after the death of Avi Hai's father, we experience the sorrow of the family as they pray and reflect.

There may be another opportunity to see the film in the future, but I would certainly hope that organizations snap it up for educational purposes. It's rare to find a documentary with this much warmth in it, and heaven knows, people respond to that quality far more than a barrage of explanations.

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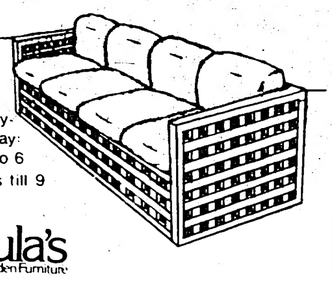

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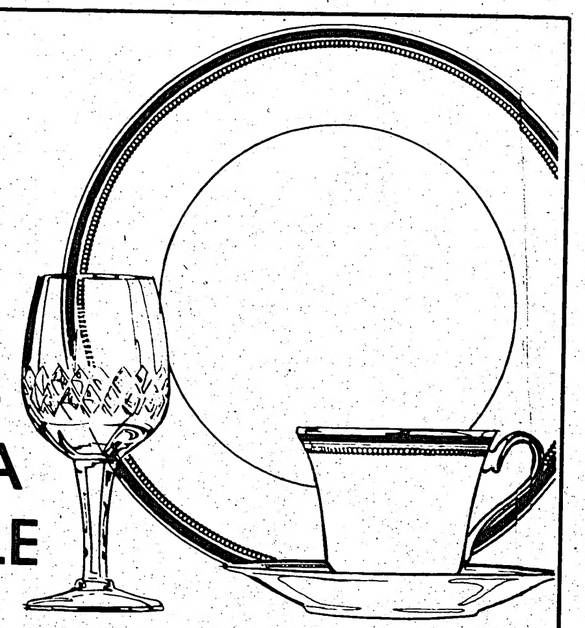

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Abraham J. Arnold (left), co-author of 'Jewish Life in Canada', presents copy to Mordechai Shalev, Israel ambassador to Canada. Arnold visited seven cities in promoting the book. Itinerary included 45 interviews.

Seminar on Israel-Arab co-existence

Divergent views on peace heard

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Israel should negotiate with any Palestinian political group which accepts its existence, but as long as the PLO remains committed to Israel's destruction, peace talks will never get underway, a Mapam representative told a symposium on Israel-Arab co-existence here.

Nachum Shoor, who recently arrived in New York to begin his term as delegate to Friends of Pioneering Israel and Americans for Progressive Israel, called on Jerusalem to adopt the 'Yariv-Shemtov' formula to solve the Palestinian problem.

Named after Aharon Yariv, former information minister in the Rabin cabinet, and health minister Victor Shemtov, the formula envisages mutual recognition of national rights as a means of breaking the Israeli-Palestinian impasse. The government rejected the plan when it was proposed some two years ago.

A member of the Political Actions Committee of Mapam — the United Workers Party of Israel — Shoor said his country should offer the Arabs far-reaching territorial compromises in order to achieve a settlement.

However, he warned that a peace agreement would remain a distant goal unless the Arab states — and the PLO — accepted the concept of mutual national rights.

Shoor made his remarks at a panel discussion at the Yorkdale Holiday Inn sponsored by the local chapter of Friends of Pioneering Israel. The other panelists were Avraham Yassour, a Haifa University political philosophy professor; Yaacov Glickman, an Israeli sociologist who lives in Toronto, and Vivian Rakoff of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry.

Earlier in the day, Yassour — currently a visiting professor at Harvard and Brandeis — said in a keynote address that it was incumbent on Israel to encourage moderate Palestinian voices in the occupied territories to speak out for an equitable settlement.

He said that if Jerusalem had allowed the formation of political parties on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, the PLO might not today be such a powerful and influential group.

Yassour, a member of Kibbutz Merhavia, similarly urged his government to accept the Yariv-Shemtov formula.

In a series of impassioned comments, Rakoff criticized those sectors in the Diaspora which dream of "colonies, conquest and subject people" within the context of a greater Israel.

He said the "lunatic irredentism" of right-wing American Jews had contributed somewhat to the rightward turn of Israeli policy. And he called on Diaspora Jewry to "make as much noise as possible" in promoting a rapprochement with the Arabs. Though Rakoff advocated a flexible Israeli policy toward the Arabs, he said Israel should not "castrate itself in the process."

He attacked Israeli religious parties — particularly the National Religious Party — for being obsessed with what he termed "geographic Zionism."

Glickman, a recent University of Toronto doctoral graduate in sociology, confirmed his observations to the structural weaknesses of Israeli society. He said the nation is caught in the contradiction between economic growth and social justice, and is drifting away from the old social welfare values.

The sociologist said the political left in Israel is weak and practically impotent, insofar as it is unable to exert pressure on the government to advance its policies.

In response to a question from the floor, an FPI spokesman disclosed that Khaled Moummar, president of the Canadian Arab Federation, had been invited to speak but that he had been unable to accept because of a previous engagement.

Rabbi Reuben Slonim, author of the recently published book, **Family Quarrel: The United Church and the Jews**, lambasted FPI for doing nothing to promote Arab-Israeli reconciliation. "We haven't made our views known," asserted the rabbi, an FPI member. "Maybe we don't have the courage or we're too conventional."

He said FPI should have done more to try to induce an Arab representative to address the gathering, which attracted about 80 persons. Nathan Gilbert, the moderator with the support of some applause, cut off Slonim.

Community leader J.B. Salsberg rose from the audience to say it was "balderdash" that FPI lacked interest in coexistence just because an Arab speaker was not present. He said the primary task of Diaspora Jewry was to strengthen the forces of rapprochement in Israel.

Procedures for holiday

By RABBI HENRY HOSCHANDER

Prior to three years ago, the last time Erev Pesach (the day preceding Pesach) occurred on Shabbat was exactly 20 years ago. During the ensuing years, most of us have probably forgotten the "order" of preparing for Pesach under these unusual circumstances, and I am, therefore, using this opportunity to clarify matters.

To begin with, all preparations are moved up one day. The bedikat chometz, the search for chometz by candlelight when the "stars appear", takes place on Thursday evening, March 31. The following morning, the chometz, left over both from the "search" as well as the breakfast, must be burned before 10:30 a.m. At this juncture, we are faced with a problem. According to Jewish law, an integral part of the Shabbat observance is the eating of three seudot (feasts).

The first two, on Friday evening and Shabbat noon following the services, call for two challot over which the blessing for bread is recited. Custom also forbids the eating of matzah on the day preceding Pesach. Therefore, we are faced with the problem of reconciling a home-made "pesachdig" on Friday, and two meals which call for consumption of challah.

Though there may be alternative options, my personal suggestion is to celebrate a "pesachdige" erev Shabbat. Two challot should grace the table, with extreme care taken to keep them properly wrapped and separate from all "pesachdige" utensils. After the hand washing ceremony and the Hamotzie, the challot are eaten away from the table and whatever is left over totally eliminated, whether by throwing into the garbage or flushing it away in the washroom. Following this procedure the mouth ought to be rinsed and a waiting period of 10 minutes observed before beginning a complete Pesach meal.

In the event one is unable to attend services the following morning, a piece of two challot should be eaten before 9:30 a.m. and the formula, Kol Chamira, found at the beginning of the Haggadah is recited. The regular luncheon must then consist of a strict Pesach meal without, of course, matzah or matzah products.

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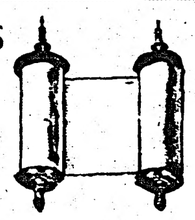

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayikra
Nefesh kee techta bee'shegaga...And if a soul sin through error....

You can't be a holy man hiding in a shul attic — you have to walk with the people....

A poor Jew came to Reb Yoshe Ber of Brisk. "Rabbi, can I use milk for the four cups of Pesach?"

"Are you ill?" the rabbi asked.

"No. It's just that wine is too expensive."

The rabbi immediately handed the man $50. When he left, Reb Yoshe Ber's wife looked at him crossly. "Since when do four cups of wine cost $50?" The tzadik shrugged. "If he's already using milk for the four cups, it means he doesn't even have enough for a little chicken soup or a piece of meat — otherwise, how could he mix milk and meat?" (Fun Unzer Alter Oitzer)

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It's easier to walk across Niagara Falls on a tightrope than to be a Jewish leader — you have to watch every step, and everyone's eyes are on you. Imagine...Moses taught "If the anointed priest sinned — **l'ashmat ha'am** — so he brings guilt on the people...." Suddenly all the Jews began picketing. "What's going on here? If the priest goes around sinning, why do we become guilty? What are we, the Hanafi B'nai B'rith?

But Moses sighed. "You don't understand.... When a high priest, or a rabbi, or a synagogue or community leader sins, every Jew winds up guilty in the end because he learns from this example. Even if you have a Jewish charitable organization which does good work, but then holds traifah dinners or keeps its gift shop open on Shabbat, every Jew says, 'If they can do it, so can I' " (Rabbi Yaakov of Lisa)

The more prominent a Jew is, the more observant he must be, because he sets the style....

After all, it's one thing to commit an avairoh; don't we all? But to be a **choteh u'machtee et ho'rabim** — to encourage others to sin either by example, or deliberately misleading and falsifying Yiddishkeit, then **uch un vay!**

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It's good to be a weight-watcher, but sometimes a little fat in the right places helps. It's weird... when the Jews brought animal sacrifices to the temple, they had to burn some of the blood and fat on the altar. But between you and me — what was the altar, a butcher shop? Why did the Almighty insist on blood and fat?

Ah, but it teaches. Blood symbolizes enthusiasm, spirit, energy. Fat represents fat — lethargy, indolence. The Almighty warned, "There's a time for everything. When it comes to doing mitzvahs, helping others, studying Torah day and night — let the blood pulse through your veins; serve Me with excitement. But, when you have temptation to sin, let the fat take over; serve Me by becoming slow and lethargic about turning away from righteousness...." (Kaflaim L'toshia)

Everything can be used to serve G-d — even the Yetzer Horah....

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HOW TO CELEBRATE PASSOVER

By RABBI GEDALIA FELDER

The theme of Passover is liberty. The sages of Israel constantly emphasized it in our daily services and at every public and private celebration, the deliverance from Egypt as if to warn the Jew against any infringement of the rights of man.

"In every generation one must look upon himself as if he personally had come forth from Egypt" from the house of bondage.

QUESTION: Why the many ceremonies and dietary restrictions?

ANSWER: To talk about Pesach is not enough. One must live Pesach. One must make Pesach. All the preparations, food regulations and ceremonies were to make vivid the reality of the holiday.

The home, which undergoes a complete transformation before Pesach and in which the scrupulous removal of chometz is observed, radiates the exalted sanctifying atmosphere which characterizes Pesach. Such a home elevates the children and adults above the sordid existence of the work-a-day life into the realm of spiritual joy.

QUESTION: What is the historic and symbolic meaning of matzah?

ANSWER: When the children of Israel were finally permitted to flee from slavery in ancient Egypt, they left in such haste that they had to bake their bread without having time to wait for the bread dough to be leavened. And so, as they began their long journey to observance of Passover, Jews everywhere commemorate the divine act of the deliverance of our people from slavery. Matzah and the other Passover symbols have been an inexhaustible source of moral and spiritual lessons for the Jewish people.

QUESTION: Should dishes, utensils and other kitchen and eating tools be bought specifically for Passover use?

ANSWER: Such a procedure is the best assurance of complete adherence to Passover regulations. Under specified conditions and if properly koshered (it is important that koshering of vessels be done in the presence of a Ben Torah who is well versed in the laws — or upon instruction of the rabbi), these utensils used during the rest of the year may be used during Passover.

For proper procedures for koshering dishes not covered by the above instructions, please consult the rabbi. We advise that the following dishes and utensils not be koshered for Passover use:

— chinaware, pottery, and all earthen-ware including plastic dishes;

— utensils that may be damaged by hot water, e.g. a utensil which is glued together;

— utensils or vessels that have dents which cannot be reached by glowing;

— knives with glued-on handles, and

— vessels that cannot be thoroughly cleaned such as sieves, or any dish or bottle with a narrow neck that cannot be cleaned from within. Glass vessels not ordinarily used for hot foods may be made fit for Passover by soaking them in water for three consecutive days, with a change of water every 24 hours.

QUESTION: Does the oven need special cleaning?

ANSWER: Your range is used throughout the year and it must therefore be cleaned, scraped and burnt out. A fitted metal, or asbestos lining for the interior is recommended. Special metal plates should be placed over the top of the range to prevent contact with Passover utensils.

QUESTION: What is to be done with chometz which is not used up or disposed of before Passover?

ANSWER: Passover regulations require to dispose of it or the transfer of ownership of chometz to a non-Jew via the shtar mechirah (a bill of sale).

All left-over chometz should be locked away in a spare room or closet. Chometz dishes and utensils, after being thoroughly cleaned, also must be placed in a special locked location. You then authorize the rabbi to prepare the bill of sale and arrange for transfer of ownership of your chometz to a non-Jew. These arrangements should be made Friday morning, April 1.

QUESTION: What is the ceremony connected with the disposal of the chometz?

ANSWER: The ceremony, bedikat chometz, is required. This begins with a final check at your home at nightfall Thursday, March 31.

QUESTION: How is bedikat chometz performed?

Rabbi Gedalia Felder

ANSWER: Since your home, by this time, is presumed to be free of chometz, crumbs of bread are placed in each room so that the search will not be in vain.

Immediately after nightfall Thursday, March 31, the head of the house, with a candle carried by a member of the household, goes from room to room, using a feather or a rag and a wooden spoon or container, to gather the chometz.

The spoon and feather or rag and container with the candle are wrapped up and tied with a string, leaving it to be burned the next morning.

The head of the household renounces ownership of undiscovered chometz with the formula, kol chamira, which is found at the beginning of the Haggadah with the blessing which is said only at night.

QUESTION: What should be done with food that is to be eaten the next day or for Shabbot Seudot.

ANSWER: The food that is to be eaten the following day or for the Shabbat Seudot should be put aside in a special place, not to interfere with the search.

QUESTION: What should one do if he is leaving his home before Pesach and will be away during Pesach?

ANSWER: If people leave their home before Pesach, then they must search for the chometz the night before their departure. Everything should be done as outlined above, but without reciting the bracha.

QUESTION: What is matzah shmura?

ANSWER: Such matzah receives unusual care and is carefully guarded and watched from the time of cutting of the grain to the baking. Matzah shmura should be used at both sedorim for the shiur.

QUESTION: What is the ceremony for the burning of the chometz?

ANSWER: The ceremony is called biur chometz and takes place no later than 10:53 a.m. Friday, April 1. The chometz, as well as any bread left over from breakfast, is burnt. Kol chamira is not recited at this time as Erev Pesach is on Shabbat, April 2.

QUESTION: When do we recite Kol chamira?

ANSWER: Kol chamira should be recited after the Shabbat morning April 2 meal, but not later than 10:53 a.m. All Passover kitchen and cooking implements as well as food, etc., are placed in their proper places before Shabbat. No preparation for Pesach should be made during the Shabbat. Keep the Shabbat day holy.

QUESTION: If one leaves his home prior to the time of burning chometz?

ANSWER: If one leaves his home prior to the time of burning the chometz, then he should either take it along with him and burn the chometz at the proper time, or he should designate and appoint a person to burn it for him. The Kol chamira must be recited in time by the owner of the house or the chometz, no matter where he will be.

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Israeli yeshiva plans expansion

TORONTO [Staff] —

She was a drama school dropout who took a 20-country tour from the Arctic to Africa to "find herself." He was a campus radical who dabbled in yoga, Hare Krishna and Christian fundamentalism.

San Diego-born Joel and Ruth Baks, in an odd twist to this scenario, both landed in Jerusalem and individually discovered the Diaspora Yeshiva, where they were married in 1974 — and live happily ever after.

The two are now on an advance tour of Montreal, Toronto and California to pave the way for speaking engagements for the yeshiva's founder, Rabbi Mordecai Goldstein.

The Diaspora Yeshiva, located on Mount Zion, overlooking the Western Wall, is home to some 135 students, including a half-dozen Canadians. Founded in 1967, its central campus consists of 12 buildings, with plans now for a $2.5 million fund-raising campaign for expansion and renovation.

Operating a men's and women's division, with dormitories and housing for young married couples and their families, the yeshiva also runs two additional branches in Haifa and the ancient Druze village of Peki'in.

As the Baks explain, the institute over the years has attracted a conglomeration of English-speaking students of all ages: a yoga instructor, fashion designer, drama teacher, artists and restaurant manager, for example.

"Many times Jews resent it, the fact we become religious," Baks says of his early initiation process. "Non-Jews are happy that we have found our roots and heritage. Jewish friends and family feel intimidated by the fact we have gone back to our heritage."

Drawing its inspiration from the Mussar movement, the Diaspora Yeshiva offers courses for beginners and advanced students in a range of studies from Talmud, law, philosophy, literature, kabbalah, Aramaic to such practical arts as ritual slaughtering, circumcision and the scribal arts. Students can receive rabbinical ordination.

The yeshiva also has a modern touch to it: a videotape centre, graphic arts, photographic and recording studios, "Torah tape" centre and a popular band specializing in jazz, folk and Yiddish-Israeli tunes.

Costs for operating the institution amount to $2,000 a day. Funds come from donations, foundation grants, tuition and the Israeli government — ministries of religion, absorption, welfare and the municipality.

Kol withdraws from elections

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Moshe Kol, veteran leader of the Independent Liberal Party, announced that he will not stand for re-election to the Knesset on May 17. His place at the head of the ILP list went to his cabinet colleague, Minister-Without-Portfolio Gideon Hausner, who was selected in a secret ballot by the ILP's newly elected Central Committee at the close of its convention here.

But Kol, who serves as minister of tourism in the coalition government of Premier Yitzhak Rabin, made it clear that his retirement from the Knesset does not mean he is ending his political career and does not preclude his serving in a future government. Israel law does not require a cabinet minister to sit in the Knesset.

Kol withdrew from the elections apparently because of dissension within ILP ranks and demands by some party members for "new faces." He said his future involvement in ILP affairs would depend on a changed atmosphere in the party.

Itzhak Golan, another ILP MK of many years, has also withdrawn from the election list. He said he acted to make way for younger members. The ILP holds only four seats in the present Knesset.

Meanwhile, the Labor Party suffered another defection when Mordechai Ben Porat, a Knesset member for 12 years, announced that he was leaving the party because he could not support its platform plank calling for territorial concessions in "all sectors" in exchange for peace. The plank was inserted at the insistence of Mapam.

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Warmly-clad children play in the snow in Jerusalem after a heavy March snowfall. In the background is the old walled city.

Munro praises community

By A. J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

John Munro, minister responsible for multiculturalism, came to the 25th annual men's dinner of the Winnipeg Talmud Torah with praise for Jewish dedication to Hebrew culture and with an appeal to western Canadians not to turn their backs on the people of Quebec.

Over 500 people attended the dinner at Rosh Pina Synagogue, including Manitoba's Finance Minister Saul Miller and Minister of Education Ian Turnbull.

Munro visited Israel earlier in the winter, where he was particularly impressed, he said, with the discovery that the mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, often begins his working day in his office at 5:30 a.m. and is frequently still on call for banquet gatherings in the evening.

The minister spoke of the concerns of the Jewish community in Canada as a minority group and expressed praise for "their commitment that their children should fulfil themselves steeped in the Hebrew tradition and culture but in the full Canadian context and within the Canadian community."

He cited the Jewish group as an example of "what this Canadian community is all about." He called for "a renewed dedication on the part of us all that our community afford opportunities to all our young people on an equal basis."

Relating this to multiculturalism, "a committed policy of the Canadian government," Munro asserted that this is "a reflection of the reality of Canada since Canada's very inception."

He spoke of multiculturalism as "a complimentary policy to bilingualism" and expressed confidence that "the two of them together will ensure the survival of Canada."

Munro also suggested that multiculturalism is "an exercise in artful compromise, and compromise is not a bad word," he affirmed. "The way Canadians have exhibited it, it should be a source of great pride, because artful compromise in terms of Canadian history is a sign of a highly civilized people."

He had earlier referred to Confederation as an example of compromise enabling the French language and culture as well as English to survive.

"We have never espoused, as Canadians, assimilation or the melting pot philosophy," he added.

The encouragement of cultural diversity, he said, is an outstanding example of a commitment to the preservation of freedom.

Munro expressed confidence that "in the troubled times we are now facing," a reference to the Quebec-Canada situation, "we'll come through it again by exhibiting those very qualities that have assured our existence up till now."

He added, however, that "in the Quebec context, this is going to be a severe challenge to us," and he described separatism "as a severe test to our commitment to multiculturalism."

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Because York has such a large Jewish enrolment, the United Jewish Appeal has provided funding for a Jewish centre on campus for a number of years. For the 1976-77 fiscal year UJA, through Toronto Jewish Congress, has allocated $52,100 to the Jewish Student Federation, the only viable Jewish presence on campus.

Three years ago the JSF moved to larger quarters in the Ross Humanities Building, and under the guidance of director Lou Garber is alive and flourishing. With only one paid staff member to help out, the centre is a hub of activity for mailings, program planning, and is, as Garber puts it, "a place for Jewish students to hang their hats." Free coffee is another inducement for students who have time to spare between lectures.

For the first time, students at York, through JSF, ran a UJA Chai campaign entirely on their own and not in conjunction with the University of Toronto as they have in the past. To date, they have raised $10,000 through a variety of fund-raising activities, ranging from a telethon, dance-a-thon, dinner, benefit concert featuring the Rinah Chorale and a folk-rock group, to a disco-dance.

"The Chai campaign is the most amazing thing to happen this year," Garber said. "Students have been meeting one evening a week since October to plan activities to help raise money for UJA."

Special JSF programs this year included a Holocaust Remembrance Week, featuring exhibits and speakers, and a production of the Elie Wiesel play **Ani Maamin — a Faith Lost and Found**. There are several activities that are shared with Hillel. One is the publishing of Migdal, a campus newspaper, and the other, a retreat to Niagara Falls in February.

Garber, a graduate from Boston University in religion and political science who has a masters degree from Brandeis in contemporary Jewish studies, works with a core group of 15 students on all matters pertaining to JSF programs. He would like to broaden the base by setting up a student council as a way of involving many more.

Garber estimates that at least 200 students take advantage of JSF facilities during the week. He hopes to reach others by publishing a calendar for the school year, listing all secular and religious holidays, JSF programs and pictures. "It would be a great way to advertise our presence on campus."

For the immediate future, a trip to Israel is being planned in conjunction with the Canadian Zionist Federation leaving on May 9, with an all-inclusive fare of $920 for four weeks on a kibbutz and three weeks of touring. David Gotfrid, who was on the UJA student mission, is the leader.

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Organizations and People

To the strains of Hava Nagilah, members of the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre of Toronto Baycrest Centre open the swimming program. From left and continuing clockwise are Norma Kohl, instructor Joe Mitschang, Rose Wohlgelernter, Jean Helfand, Wagman Centre director of physical fitness Pat Bennett, Bessie Baskin, Rachel Litvack and Rose Rotman. Pool is open weekdays.

Baycrest's Wagman Centre launches swimming program

TORONTO —
There is nothing like a rousing rendition of Hava Nagilah to get people enthusiastic and enjoying themselves. When the song is sung and the hands are clasped in a swimming pool, any timidity on the part of the participants disappears.

And that is how the swimming program at The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, Toronto's new senior adult facility, was launched last week.

Members have been waiting with eagerness for the opening of the pool, and they were not disappointed. The brave 10 who pioneered the splash party obviously were having such a good time that the observers crowded around the pool's picture window headed en masse to register for the afternoon event.

Pat Bennett, director of the Physical Fitness Program at the Wagman Centre, has planned a pool program with something for everyone — recreation, instruction, water confidence, exercises and fun, and remedial exercises. The opening session combined features of all of these with the accent on fun and water confidence.

The principle objective behind the design of the pool is simple and positive: everyone, the disabled and the able-bodied, should be able to use it. This was achieved by adding all the safety features needed by the former, which in no way impede the progress of the latter.

Non-skid, anti-bacterial flooring and continuous railings in the pool area are built-in safety features. A waist-high underwater ledge in the pool permits therapeutic exercise for those who cannot fully enter the water.

Swimming programs for the elderly and disabled are becoming increasingly popular. The Wagman Centre will be the site of a Workshop of Pool Programs for Seniors, organized by the senior citizen's branch, office on aging, Ministry of Community and Social Services, to be held next month. Recreation workers from all over Ontario will come to Baycrest Centre for the three-day event beginning on April 25.

The swimming program is only a small part of the program activity at the Wagman Centre, a Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care facility. Membership is open to anyone 55 years of age and over.

The annual membership fee of $36 includes the use of all facilities and participation in all programs. Only the cost of materials used by members in programs such as Creative Arts and Crafts is extra.

For complete information, contact Jacqueline Edelson, director, at 789-5131, local 410.

Trade symposium first of its kind for Canada, Israel

TORONTO —
A trade symposium between Canada and Israel — the first of its kind — will be held in Tel Aviv and Haifa in June.

Sponsored by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, the symposium is to run in conjunction with the Tel Aviv International Trade Fair, Technology '77. The Canadian embassy there has arranged a pavillion to display equipment, catalogues and literature on Canadian companies of interest to potential importers.

The trade delegation will also witness the official opening of the Plaza Tiberias Hotel by CP Hotels, where Edward Lee, Canadian ambassador to Israel, is expected to appear.

"Going to Israel and exploring personal business projects is just as important for the future of Israel and our community here as raising funds for philanthropic purposes," says CICC Executive Director Colin Malamet.

"The conference will provide businessmen with the opportunity to gain insight for potential of trade, investments and joint ventures," he said. "We have made some very special arrangements for businessmen to meet Israeli businessmen in their private homes."

The symposium offers a variety of opportunities to explore Israeli industry and Canada-Israel trade. Workshop sessions will deal with metals and machinery, electronics, chemicals, textiles and fashions, investment and finance, agriculture and housing, to name a few.

High-level representatives in the trade, banking and government communities from the two participating countries will offer their insights to the delegates. Visits to factories and business offices will be offered.

The Tel Aviv International Trade Fair takes place in early June, attracting a wide response because of Israel's continued drive for industrial expansion and economic independence.

The CICC says schedules include a number of luncheons and dinners to be sponsored by a variety of Israeli trade associations and government bureaus, and addressed by authoritative speakers.

The trade mission leaves Montreal May 30 and returns June 13. Sightseeing excursions are planned to Haifa, Acre, Safed, Tiberias, Ashdod, Jerusalem and points in between.

Accommodations have been arranged at the Haifa Dan Carmel, Natanya Four Seasons, Dan Hotel and Jerusalem Plaza. For further information, contact the CICC.

Toronto chapter of Tel Aviv U names new head

TORONTO —
Businessman Jack Buchman has been appointed president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

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Involved in a variety of community services, he is chairman of the board of governors of the State of Israel Bonds in Toronto, founder of the Jewish National Fund, Canada Park and a director of Baycrest Home for the Aged.

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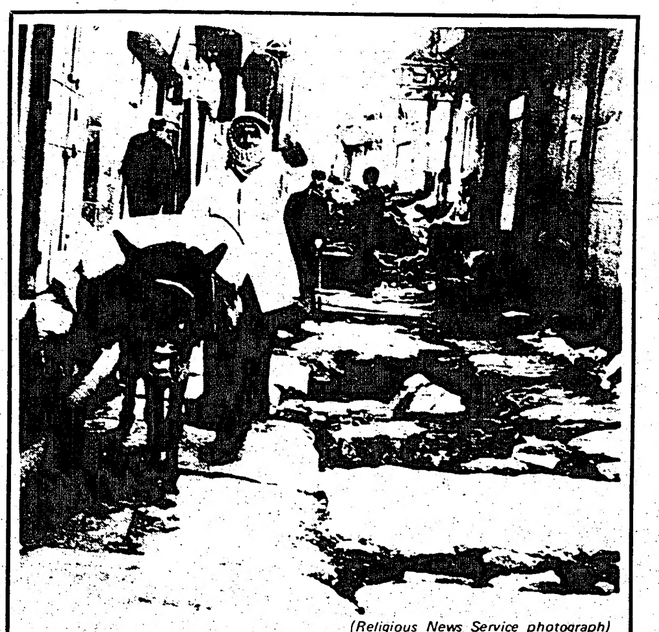

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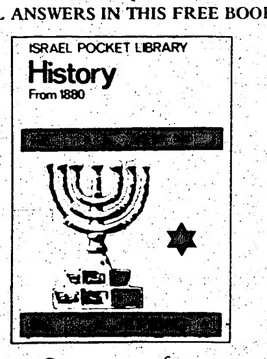

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He urges more patience with missionaries

By HARVEY WARREN

Jews should have more patience with Christian missionaries, a noted theologian told an inter-denominational audience in Toronto recently.

Dr. Krister Stendahl, dean of the Harvard University School of Divinity, said Jews should be more understanding of the Christian mission "especially since the Jewish record itself is not quite as simple as some Jews think ...that the Jewish religion is non-missionary and has always been."

He said, "there were periods in the Jewish tradition that harbored strong missionary outreach."

Stendahl, addressing Adath Israel's adult education institute, admitted to the more than 200 people there that the missionary urge of Christians had "something in it not pleasing to God." He noted that the problem with missions was the tendency to avoid the equalization of power.

Given the example of Christian churches in India, Stendahl charged that those natives approached are the uneducated rather than devotees to Hinduism, resulting in little communication at the level of equal power and education.

"Any kind of use of power is coercion," he said, "and any kind of coercion is spiritual and intellectual rape."

In his lecture, broadly entitled "The Religious Mosaic", Stendahl propounded the theory that the root cause of Christian anti-Semitism lay in the Gentiles' receipt of the words of Jesus Christ.

"What happened with the prophetic teaching of Jesus," he said, "is that it fell into Gentile hands.

"As the church broke from the synagogue and walked away with the words of Jesus, which had been spoken in the style and in the spirit of the prophets of old, now the church was throwing that at the Jews from the outside, if not with glee at least with a feeling of having been proven right."

Stendahl stated that to live in a pluralistic world, each community must be allowed to define itself, not be defined by others.

"In the religious mosaic of pluralism," he said, "the task ahead of us is to empower one another to define ourselves."

He said he looked to the Jewish community as a teacher in this matter; that Jews must reveal how the Christians have taken it upon themselves "to define the Jew, to define his Bible as the Old Testament, to define in many quarters Zionism as something not quite up to the spiritual standards of a certain reading of certain parts of the scriptures."

Dialogue between various faiths is a stake in allowing that self-definition, Stendahl said.

He stressed that the Christian and Jewish communities are very different in their mutual relation to one another and suggested that this fact is often overlooked when speaking about Jewish-Christian relations.

The Harvard professor said Judaism posed a theological problem for Christians as, having inherited "or usurped" the Old Testament and having grown out of Judaism, "in order to understand our roots we (Christians) must somehow relate to Judaism. For Jews, he noted, Christianity is not a problem in the same sense.

One of the prospects Stendahl saw for Jewish-Christian relations is that the dialogue might take place in the wider religious mosaic. He believes this would have a good effect because, "historically, we have related so much and so badly to one another that the Siamese twin syndrome can sometimes become debilitating."

But to be placed in the larger context of the religions of the world has a liberating effect, he said, "and is highly desirable at this time."

Grade three students at United Synagogue Day School perform story from Haggadah of father explaining meaning of Pesach to four sons. From left are David Auster, 7, Allison Tward, 8, Rachel Buck, 8, Bobby Denov, 9, Rhonda Mostyn, 9 and Linda Reinstein, 8.

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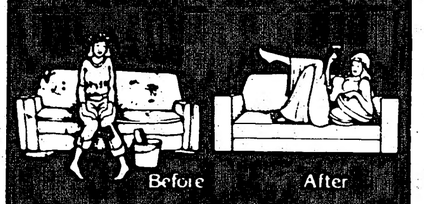

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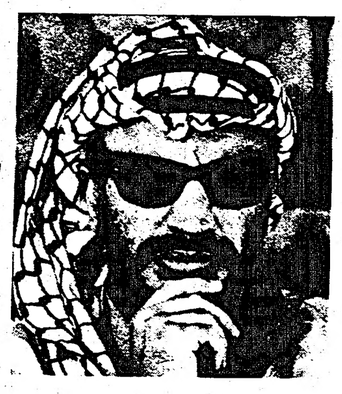

Israelis reassess PLO's double nature

By VICTOR CYGIELMAN

Faint but significant signs can be seen that Israel's absolute refusal to deal with the PLO is beginning to break down.

JERUSALEM —

For years, the PLO was simply referred to by the Israeli government, Parliament and press as the "organization of murderers". No doubt, its indiscriminate attacks against innocent civilians gave ample reason for such a characterization. But any attempt to understand the double nature of the PLO, to take into account not only its terrorist activity (often born out of a feeling of despair, of boundless impotence), but also its political structure and motivations, was either ignored or decried as treason.

Outwardly, Israel's official position seems not to have changed much in this respect. Yitzhak Rabin still stands by Golda Meir's "we shall never talk to terrorists". But behind this public adherence to old, oversimplified formulas, Israel's attitude towards the Palestinians and even towards the PLO has undergone some important changes.

Contrary to Mrs. Meir, who claimed that there exists no such thing as a "Palestinian people" or a "Palestinian problem", Rabin asserts that "there can be no real peace without a solution of the Palestinian problem". Foreign Minister Allon goes a step further and states that "Israel will not sign a peace treaty with its eastern neighbor (Jordan) if this peace settlement does not provide for an adequate expression of the Palestinian identity."

Mapam, represented by two cabinet ministers, says that Israel should state its readiness to negotiate with "any Palestinian representative body which recognizes Israel's right to exist." Eventual talks with the PLO are thus not excluded, but made conditional upon a change of the PLO's political attitude towards the state of Israel. Influential Labor Party MPs, such as Itzhak Navon, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and General Aharon Yariv, former chief of Israel's Military Intelligence, advocate a similar approach. Yariv even expressed it publicly when still a minister in the Rabin government.

In short, there has been a slow but constant evolution in Israeli thinking, reflected in the press, in Parliament and in government circles, trying to reach a better understanding of the Palestinians' national aspirations and of their sympathy shown for the PLO, as evidenced by the striking PLO victory in the West Bank municipal elections a year ago.

More and more serious studies are devoted to the PLO itself and to the various political options expressed by its internal struggle. Israeli analysts follow attentively the efforts made by the PLO's moderate, realistic core to emerge as the responsible leadership of a political movement, rather than the irresponsible organizers of political terrorism.

The process of assessing the PLO in a more rational and less diabolic framework of references reached a highpoint a while ago, when Rabin did not deny that he had been receiving regular reports about meetings held in Paris between PLO officials and representatives of the Israeli Council for Israel-Palestine Peace, an outright Zionist body composed of 100 Israeli public figures.

Significantly enough, this admission by Israel's prime minister that he had listened to reports about talks with representatives of the "organization of terrorists and murderers" did not cause a cabinet crisis.

Quite naturally, the whole affair provoked an outcry among the partisans of Greater Israel (demanding the annexation of the West Bank and Gaza territories) and other hardliners. But it appears that just as the influence of the "Arab rejection front" has been lately dwindling among the Palestinians, those in Israel who continue to fiercely oppose any kind of deal or discussion with the Palestinians — in other words the "Israeli rejection front" — have also lost much of their impact on Israeli public opinion.

On both sides, people are becoming sick and tired of leaders who repeat: "We shall never negotiate with..."

Thus, when a spokesman for the "Israeli rejection front", Likud MP Amnon Linn, tried to initiate a witch-hunt in the Knesset against Israelis (MPs and other public figures) who had "dared" to talk with PLO representatives in Paris, he achieved quite opposite results. The parliamentary debate showed that the search for a possible understanding with the PLO was not limited to the extreme left but was also the concern of respectable Labor MPs. In addition, replying on behalf of the government, Justice Minister Chaim Zadok stated that the Israelis who held talks with PLO representatives in Paris were not transgressing any Israeli law.

A passionate speech in defence of those Israeli emissaries of goodwill was made by Yosi Sarid, a young and rising Labor MP. Sarid started by embarrassing the "rejectionists", quoting recent statements made by three famous generals, Moshe Dayan, Ariel Sharon and Ezer Weizman, who had all come out in favor of talks with the PLO.

Sarid then attacked the position that negotiations with the PLO, in Geneva or elsewhere, would become possible only after the PLO had recognized Israel's existence. "We are being told, first and foremost by the gentlemen of the Likud, that until now, not a single important Arab leader has recognized Israel's right to exist. But nobody suggests that Israel should refuse to sit down with Assad or Sadat, should refuse to start negotiating without any preconditions."

Sarid said in conclusion: "I mentioned all this in order to make it clear to the often confused Israeli public that the debate about the need to talk with the PLO is not a topic which divides left and right in Israel, or separates the "doves" from the "hawks". This debate cuts across most parties, from the Likud to Mapam. Hence all attempts to isolate fellow MPs Lova Eliav and Meir Pa'il, Matty Peled, Ya'acov Arnon, Uri Avneri and their colleagues (from the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace), are doomed to failure. You shall not succeed in branding those Israelis as marginal figures in our political life whom you accuse of acting outside the Zionist consensus."

Sarid was followed by Independent Socialist MP Lova Eliav, former secretary general of the Labor Party, who said: "How did and do conflicts ever come to an end in the world? I know only of two ways: Either by total capitulation (and sometimes annihilation) of one side or by negotiation and compromise. Can we bring about the total capitulation of the Palestinian Arabs, of the entire Arab nation? Nonsense. Can they achieve this aim — and I am aware that some of them still dream about it? Of course not. We and our sons shall see to that. Then the only road left open is compromise through negotiation...I am convinced that the day will come, and it is not far away, when the Israeli government, acting on behalf of the majority of the Knesset, will reach the conclusion that it is indispensable to negotiate with the Palestinians. There is someone to talk to. There is something to talk about...."

No doubt, the parliamentary defeat of the Israeli "rejection front" does not yet mean that Israel's official policy towards the PLO is about the undergo a drastic change. It shows, though, that the psychological and political climate for such a change is ripening in this country.

The same can be said about the PLO, whose official program (the famous Palestine Convention) is lagging behind the new, more realistic approach, which is gaining an upper hand among its own membership. The official program is certainly out of step with the feelings and concrete aspirations of most Palestinians, who are more eager to create an independant Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as soon as possible, alongside Israel, than to continue the impossible dream of replacing Israel.

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Schorr charges the CIA with anti-Israel bias

BOSTON [JTA] —

Former CBS News correspondent Daniel Schorr charged that the failure by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to predict the Yom Kippur War in 1973 was attributable to bias against Israel within that organization. He made the charge in an address at the Leadership Event of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston last week.

In a speech in which he excoriated the CIA for "over concern with secrecy and living beyond the constitution" which "makes them a rotten intelligence agency." Schorr claimed the CIA could have warned against the impending Arab attack on Israel.

"Although the CIA had listening posts in southern Jordan, which perceived a change in command communications, and its satellites had corroborating photographs of fresh troop movements, the anti-Israel spirit within its Middle East desk deterred a prediction of an apparently imminent full-scale war," Schorr said.

Schorr noted further that a high CIA official was forced to resign because he insisted on fair treatment for Israel on intelligence relating to the Mideast. This same official had been overruled by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger when he recommended that the agency's head visit the Old City of Jerusalem.

Kissinger maintained this would "upset" the Arabs because the area which they disputed was in Israel's hands, he said.

Schorr was forced to resign from CBS last year after he released a leaked House committee's intelligence report on unlawful CIA activities and refused to disclose his sources. Prior to joining CBS in 1955, Schorr had been a reporter for the New York Times, The Christian Science Monitor and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. In 1973, he received an Emmy Award for his coverage of the Watergate episode.

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'At some point money loses its nationality'

Arab boycott bites into Europe

By LAWRENCE S. LESHNIK

NEW YORK —

As in the United States, both Arab boycott activities and investments in Europe have increased since 1973 due, in large measure, to the influence of petrodollars.

The boycott procedures are similar to those in the U.S. Exporters to Arab lands are required to present certificates of origin for their goods, attesting that no Israel-made components are used in their manufacture and to affirm that their transporting vessels are not on the blacklist and do not call at Israeli ports.

In some instances, banks are expected to verify the presence of such disclaimers before making payment on letters of credit, and governmental agencies or chambers of commerce are used to validate the documents.

The threatened penalty for non-cooperation is blacklisting, but the application of the boycott and blacklisting is selective and inconsistent. This very uncertainty, however, serves to intimidate businessmen. In addition, although only a few cases of discrimination against Jews have been public, there are undoubtedly more, given the great presence of European firms in Arab countries.

For the industrialized nations of Western Europe, investment enables expansion, creates jobs and pays oil bills. In some cases, an infusion of Arab money has helped to avert business failures, and at times, even European governments have relied upon the availability of petrodollars.

But while investment is welcome, foreign control is another matter. Virtually all the industrial countries have placed limits on foreign ownership in a company. In Great Britain, more than 10% must be reported; in Germany, more than 25%; in France and Sweden, foreign investments over 20% must be approved by the government, and in the Netherlands, all foreign investments must be approved.

The Arabs generally spread their investments so discreetly that it is almost impossible to trace their origin. The trend is toward short-term securities as a precaution against inflation and market instability, but the Persian Gulf states, led by Kuwait, have also bought real estate, as have private companies and individuals.

A survey of the boycott and Arab investments in Europe reveals that the first consideration is commercial. As one French banker put it: "At some point, money loses its nationality."

The following is an overview of the situation.

Great Britain

Great Britain, once Israel's second largest supplier, has now slipped to third place. The present feeble state of the economy has undermined British resolve to uphold the principle of free trade. Official policy on the boycott is one of "hands-off." The government refuses to give direction to business, and even collaborates in the boycott through the Foreign Office, where notaries' signatures on boycott certificates of origin are validated.

The Anglo-Arab Chamber of Commerce also notarizes boycott documents, and its present Arab director headed the Arab League's Boycott Office in London until the middle of last year. According to the boycott regulations, membership of a firm in the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce is sufficient grounds for blacklisting and, indeed, there have been some resignations from the Chamber for this reason.

Organized efforts to counter the boycott are centred in the Anti-Boycott Coordinating Committee (A.B.C.), whose members include prominent businessmen and representatives of organizations. The cases of boycott compliance that have come to the attention of the committee represent a variety of positions.

A complaint against the Foreign Office has been brought before the Race Relations Board. Another complaint to the Board concerned the withdrawal of a secretary's promotion after the Gulf Oil Company learned of her marriage to a Jew. The Board's decision awarded compensation for damages and recommended her promotion. Another instance of discrimination involved the reassignment of a Jewish architect by an employer holding Arab contracts.

Arab investment transactions in London are reportedly running into billions of dollars. The most spectacular was the purchase of the St. Martin's Property Company, which brought Kuwait some of the most desirable residential property in London, Paris and Brussels. Others include the purchase by Arabs of over 100 London apartments in the past 18 months and such national symbols as the building that houses Scotland Yard.

Last year, Abu Dhabi paid $70 million for a stake in the Commerce Union Insurance Company, and Kuwait acquired a 28% share in Lonrho, a holding company with diverse interests.

Germany

Since 1965, West German chambers of commerce have refused to validate negative certificates of origin and Bonn's Economics Ministry claims to have no record of any export contract breach because of the refusal. According to one source, there are 200 companies on the blacklist, although many German firms parallel links with Israel and the Arabs. The Federal Republic of Germany is, after the U.S., Israel's most important trading partner.

Very little information regarding specific boycott cases in Germany has surfaced. The one firm that has prominently figured in boycott discussions is Volkswagen, which has been charged by the Arabs with granting a license to an Israeli firm for the production of the Wankel rotary motor and has been threatened with blacklisting.

After Kuwait acquired 14% of Daimler/Benz (manufacturers of the Mercedes car) in 1974, there was talk about tightening regulations on foreign investments. While nothing came of that, the incident did serve to warn foreign investors to proceed more discreetly.

Kuwait is known to hold 35% of the shares of the Schuback Bank in Hamburg, as well as interests in chemical and machine construction companies. Other Gulf states have bought into Siemens, the giant electronics firm, several shipyards in north Germany, and the Gutehoffnungshuette (mining and smelting).

Arab interests also hold 17% of Mannesmann, the world's largest manufacturer of steel pipes. (Non-Arab Iran has a 25% interest in both Krupp Steel and Deutsche Babcock and Wilcox, manufacturers of power generators.)

Italy

Italy is Israel's fourth largest trading partner in the West, standing on a par with the Netherlands.

The Italian government claims to maintain "proper relations" with the Arab nations and Israel, which means in effect that it gives no guidance on the boycott issue. Only one firm, an importer of citrus fruits from Israel, is definitely known to be on the blacklist.

Italian industry, through a variety of subterfuges, seems to have had a good measure of success in circumventing the boycott. Thus, invoices are frequently handled through dummy companies, goods are transported to Israel in vessels that do not call at Arab ports, and cans of food produced in Israel are distributed with neutral labels.

Since the failure of a heavy-handed attempt to have the Jewish editor of the important Turin newspaper La Stampa removed from his post two years ago, no cases of personal discrimination due to Arab pressures have been public.

France

According to one source, some 250 French enterprises and organizations — ranging from Dassault Aircraft to the vineyards of St. Emilion and Chablis, and including B'nai B'rith — are on the Arab blacklist. Business, and even government through the nationalized banks, are thought to comply freely with the boycott requirements.

In June, a group of prominent Frenchmen formed the Movement for Freedom of Trade, an anti-boycott organization similar to the A.B.C. But the significance of the boycott is generally minimized and looked upon as an inconvenience rather than a danger, for it has never achieved what it set out to do.

Last year, Jewish banks were excluded, at Arab insistence, from participating in certain large, international credit syndicates. The official French government position was to leave it for the banks themselves to sort out. Most refused to accept the Arab strictures. Others readily capitulated.

The issue suddenly dropped from public attention and interested parties were given to understand that the banking community would handle the matter in its own way, discreetly. It obviously did. According to a recent announcement, Jewish-owned and Arab banks are joint participants in floating a $100 million loan for French National Railways.

Despite the frequent compliance with Arab demands, France has suffered commercial reverses in Arab lands. Excluding arms sales, French exports have lagged behind those of the U.S., Italy, Sweden, West Germany and Holland, even though the last two are usually regarded as the least friendly toward the Arab cause.

The pattern of investment is similar to that in Great Britain. Important properties in Paris and along the Riviera have been transferred to Gulf states emirs. Last March, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia jointly bought three of Paris' grand luxury hotels (Le Meurice, Le Prince de Galles and La Grande) for $40 million. The previous owner was on the brink of bankruptcy and the Arab purchase was looked upon as helping to avert a major financial collapse.

A number of French banks have joined Arab investors in launching three new Franco-Arab banks, one with an office in New York. Two years ago, France borrowed $110 million from Qatar against the future delivery of industrial goods.

The Arab boycott creates conditions of unfair competition and would therefore appear to be afoul of the Treaty of Rome agreements that established the European Economic Community. However, the relevant articles have generally been interpreted as applicable within Europe alone.

There is little likelihood that all of the nine EEC members — Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, West Germany — would agree to apply the anti-boycott regulations beyond Europe.

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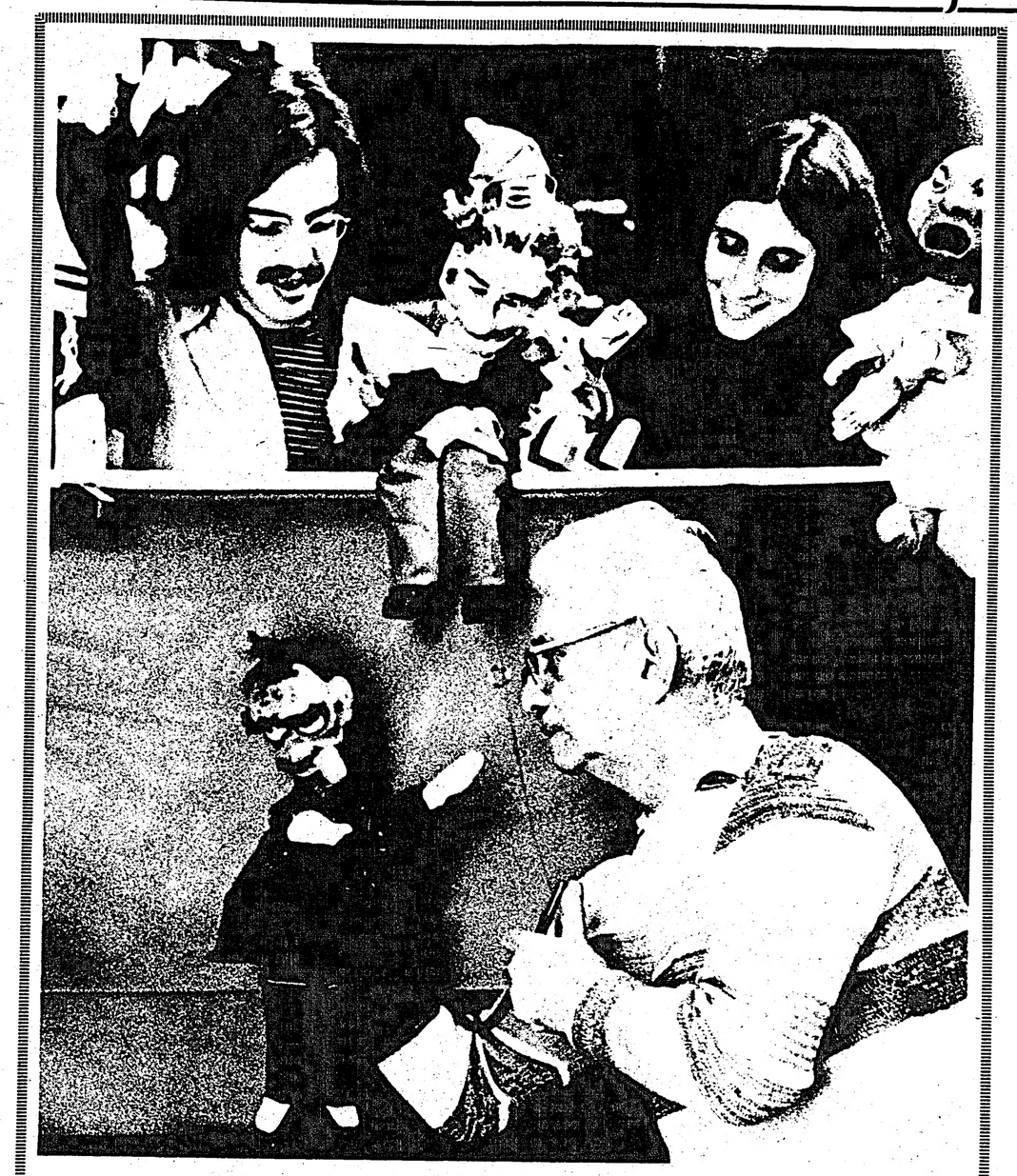

REVIVING AN OLD ART

(Religious News Service photograph)

Artist and puppeteer Ben Yano (foreground), who was active in the Yiddish puppet theatre in the 1930s, assisted by Steven Reisner (left), and Lynn Gottleib, revive old art at Martin Steinberg Centre of American Jewish Congress in New York City.

How to beat coffee prices: cultivate your own beans

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

The most popular man here in Rehovot these days is Prof. Yisrael Gindel, for he supplies coffee seedlings to Israelis who have decided that the only way to beat high coffee prices is by growing their own.

Gindel, a 67-year-old agronomist, has been experimenting with the cultivation of coffee plants in this country for almost three decades and has succeeded in acclimatizing 30 of the 60 varieties he brought in from overseas. Moreover, he has even developed a frost-resistant local strain which he named "Golda," in honor of avid coffee-drinker Golda Meir. But until recently nobody paid much attention to Gindel's coffee plants; there seemed to be no point in growing coffee when it could be imported so cheaply from Brazil.

All this has changed with the rise in Brazilian coffee prices, and individual citizens are now beating a path to his door. Only the Ministry of Agriculture remains skeptical.

Ministry official Dan Maas said that if he could be sure that coffee prices were going to remain at their present high levels, he would "tell Israeli citrus growers to pull out their trees and put in coffee plants instead." But Maas expects prices to drop within a few years, and then locally grown coffee beans would be unable to compete with Brazilian beans.

So Israel will probably go on importing most of its coffee, but this will not detract from the strenuous efforts being made to reduce other imports in order to save scarce foreign currency. Stiff duties — up to 200% on automobiles for example — serve to deter the purchase of goods from abroad, as do campaigns aimed at convincing people that it is their patriotic duty "to buy blue and white" (the colors of the Israeli flag).

There are frequent TV shorts and newspaper ads in which smiling shoppers are shown choosing locally manufactured shirts, shoes and soap powders instead of overseas ones, thus saving Israel dollars and jobs. The "buy blue and white" theme is also stressed at meetings of civic groups and even in high schools (presumably to reduce imports of chocolate and chewing gum, which last year cost $750,000).

Now the government has decided to clamp down on the purchase of foreign goods by its own offices. According to regulations issued this week, a government body wishing to buy something directly from abroad or from the local agent of a foreign firm will henceforth need permission from both the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the latter being required to certify that the item in question can't be obtained at a reasonable price from local manufacturers. If purchases are made without proper authorization, the offices concerned will have their budgets cut and disciplinary measures will be taken against those who okayed the orders.

Some observers have warned that the "buy blue and white" drive shouldn't be allowed to go too far, particularly since retaliatory measures could be taken against Israel by her overseas trading partners. As one economist put it a few days ago: "If we don't buy Volkswagens from Germany, they may not buy flowers and avocadoes from us."

"Instead of flag-waving," he added, "the government and the Manufacturers' Association should make it their business to ensure that more and more local goods can compete in quality and price with imported ones. Then blue and white labels won't be necessary."

Do synagogues face competition from 'Y'?

By J. B. SALSBERG
[Second of two columns]

On the surface there would seem to be no reason to expect competition between the soon-to-be-opened, very enlarged YM-YWHA in the north end of Toronto and any of Toronto's synagogues.

After all, a synagogue is, primarily, a centre for religious activity, and the 'Y' is meant to be the community-wide centre for secular interests, like athletics, recreation, education and leisure activities.

But if the U.S. experience in this area is any criterion, some competition and friction may indeed arise. Let's see how and why.

In America, Jewish centres exist in scores of communities. In the smaller cities, they seemed to have caused no problem. The Jews of such places may belong to any type of synagogue, but all of them may, if they so desire, belong to the centre.

But in the large Jewish communities, especially in the big eastern states, the activities of the centres are frequently resented by some synagogues — especially by those of the Conservative movement. This happens for the following reasons.

Orthodox synagogues, as I stated last week, are, as a rule, uninvolved in secular activities. The Reform temples, with some exceptions, are only marginally engaged in such activities. But the synagogues of the dynamic and fast-growing Conservative movement do engage themselves, quite extensively, in secular activities within the confines of their places of worship.

In their effort to bring the synagogue to the people, the Conservative movement in the U.S. also encompasses quite a few Conservative centres in Jewish suburbia. These combine the usual synagogue services with most of the regular programs of the secular centre. (I hear that some cynics refer to them as "a shul with a pool".)

It is, however, understandable that friction should arise when a well-established, regular synagogue that offers a variety of secular programs should find that a modern community centre competes with it, especially if the centre is located in the same neighborhood. In such a situation, the centre that draws from the whole population offers not only recreational facilities, but also makes available a greater variety of professionally supervised educational and cultural programs than the synagogue is able to offer.

It is, evidently, such competition that necessitated the recent meeting of heads of synagogues and centres in Chicago, to which Rabbi David Graubart referred in his Forward article.

I don't know how Montreal is coping with this situation. For Montreal has an excellent YMHA, which includes the famous Saidye Bronfman Centre, and an aggressive Jewish library, institutions which provide all-embracing educational and cultural programs for the Montreal Jewish community. We must take a good look at the modus-operandi that has been arrived at between the Montreal synagogues and that city's Jewish centre.

As for Toronto, I do know that many synagogues are now providing all kinds of secular programs and activities for their members and non-members as well. You can find drama groups, glee clubs, senior citizen groups, book review groups, libraries, study circles, singles clubs, etc. etc. in many of our synagogues. All that, in addition to high-calibre lecture series, welcome clubs for new immigrants and even neighborhood social services.

I, for one, find no fault with such synagogue programs, which obviously fill existing needs in the community. Now, however, with the soon-to-be-opened YMHA complex on North Bathurst Street, I begin to wonder what effect this new institution will have on existing patterns of secular activities in many synagogues. Somehow I feel that nothing will be the same.

My good uncle Eliezer, who has also given serious thought to this matter, has presented me with his own scenario.

Here it is:

"The new 'Y' will open with overwhelming fanfare before a great assemblage of the Jewish multitude, and in the presence of politicians of every stripe and every level of government.

"A dignitary of the 'Y' will then read the clarion call to the masses of people gathered in front of him.

"He or she, with outstretched arms, will say: 'Come one, come all and partake of the offerings we present to you from this day on.

" 'Come ye, whether Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or secular. Come whether young or old, whether male or female. Come, for inside our portals ye shall be as one.

" 'Come ye of Ashkenazic origin or of Sephardic strain.

" 'Come ye, Russian Jews and ye of South Africa. Come ye Jewish anglophones, francophones, Hebrewists, Yiddishists, Ladinoists and even ye from the lands of Ophir and Cathay.

" 'Come, swim, jump, run, box, wrestle, sing, dance, stage-play, draw pictures, work with clay and stone, read and study. In short, come and do what you like, but come.' "

"So what will happen?" I asked my uncle after he read his scenario. "Who knows?" he replied. But we both agreed that it bears watching. And watch we will....

Letters to the Editor

Views differ on proselytizing

Dear Editor:

I am quite puzzled by the letter from Danny J. Rosenzweig dealing with the question of proselytizing among the Jews. It's filled with non-sequiturs, self-contradictions and inconsistencies.

He begins by stating that, under Canadian law, "no one may take action which could violate or infringe upon another's freedom or rights". Quite so. And it is for this reason that we are prevented — and quite properly in my view — from doing violence to the rights of the proselytizers, for they regard the conversion of others as being within their religious freedoms.

And unless they overstep the law in this action, there's nothing that can be done of a coercive nature to stop them. Nor should there be anything done of a coercive nature in this free democracy.

What attempts, he asks, have been made by leaders, rabbis, etc. to "eliminate this cancer"? What does he mean by these words — the eradication of their building? When I read on I begin to wonder, for in the very next paragraph he refers to "actions taken...by responsible or concerned Jewish youths".

If he is referring to the vandalism perpetrated upon the office and quarters of the missionaries, with typewriters broken, papers strewn over the floor, furniture damaged, he has a strange idea of what constitutes responsibility.

He goes on to confirm this by stating that the tactics were "deemed unlawful and repugnant by the Jewish community leaders."

Does he know that a religious organization, which was given a special subvention to work against the missionaries by the central Jewish community agency a few years ago, returned the funds well before their term of service was up because there was not enough for them to do?

And, to top it all, your correspondent finishes his letter by stating (quite correctly) that the fault lies with Jewish parents who don't practise Yiddishkeit. If so, what purpose is served by the "direct action tactics" and the complaints about lack of communal action?

What is he seeking — a physical attack upon the missionaries or a constructive dedication to our own ideals? A little more clarity, Mr. Rosenzweig?

Samuel B. Hartstein,
Toronto

Intolerance

Dear Editor:

Danny J. Rosenzweig, a University of Toronto scholar, has designated Hebrew Christians, Jews for Jesus or whatever else these Jewish converts to Christianity may wish to style themselves. His designation is not only obscene and shameful, but it flies in the face of even the most rudimentary understanding of a tolerant and humane Judaism, because he has referred to these simple but sincere folk as being a cancer (CJN, March 11).

I do not know whether or not Mr. Rosenzweig intends to form a vigilante committee or a lynch mob or both toward this end. At any rate, Rosenzweig bemoans the fact that Jewish community leaders have regarded as "unlawful and repugnant" the "few actions" which Rosenzweig's storm troopers, whom he refers to by the name of "responsible and concerned Jewish youths", have undertaken against the New Covenant House on Sheppard Avenue West and Goddard Street.

Rosenzweig might be interested to note that the Canadian Jewish Congress officially represents in excess of 11,000 members of the "Jewish ethnic group of Christian and other non-Jewish religion", as of the 1970 Census of Canada. Inasmuch as these Christians of Jewish descent (ethnicity) are represented by Canadian Jewish Congress, one wonders as to the privileges of these "ethnic Jews" insofar as their own democratic rights within Canadian Jewish Congress are concerned.

Danny J. Rosenzweig derisively refers to these Hebrew-Christians as "Christians". In fact, they have every right in the world to call themselves Christians without quotation marks. I also wonder what business Rosenzweig has in ascribing to these Christian believers the quality of true opportunism. Indeed, there were many Jews who embraced Christianity, not out of any sincere conviction or belief, but because of opportunistic motives. When they left Judaism, these converts to Christianity were, however, exceedingly careful in eliminating reference to their previous religious adherence. Certainly they did not call themselves Jews for Jesus or Hebrew Christians.

For Rosenzweig's information, a significant number of these Jewish converts to Christianity are from very Orthodox or Conservative Jewish homes — homes where the dietary laws are punctiliously observed, where cooking is forbidden on the Sabbath, where mezuza-amulets are found on every door of the house and where candles are lighted on Friday nights. Consequently, he quite obviously does not know or has not sine ire et studio investigated the real reasons which lead so very many young communicants of Judaism into the Christian fold.

Klaus J. Herrmann,
Montreal

Dear Editor:

You warn that financial disaster is near through lack of funds for Jewish education. A letter complains the New Covenant House on Sheppard Avenue and Goddard Street "seeks Jews for Jesus". There are so many of us today who lack understanding of Judaism, it is surprising these missionaries do not capture more of us.

Yet Toronto is a "good" community compared with most. Our communal life is praised. Heaven help the others.

Some of us pray three times daily to be able to return to our land; at two or three seders a year we say "Next year in Jerusalem". Many of us could go easily — even in comfort. But we are too deeply rooted here and prefer the easy life here, just as the German Jews were similarly assimilated and content in Germany until Hitler changed things. But of course, "it can't happen here".

We see Catholics get tax money for their schools and secular education. We must build our own and pay all costs. We are free but fear to demand equal rights. Sympathetic politicians fear a backlash, knowing well the latent anti-Semitism here. But of course, as they say in Argentina, "it can't happen here".

So we campaign for funds, make parents bear huge burdens. No wonder over 50% of Jewish children get no Jewish education, no wonder 50% of us donate nothing to communal causes, no wonder so few of us know our heritage, do not know that Judaism is a complete civilization, a treasure, a guide for the world.

Our Bible, "accepted" by the world, is unknown to 90% of us; few of our children have read it, much less studied it. We don't understand its fabulous wisdom or why else do we run after vanity, vain accumulation of material things.

Then we cry over rising assimilation and intermarriage. How far have we sunk! We need to re-examine our priorities: to give far more to support the most vital feature in life, a proper Jewish education for every Jewish child.

We can do with fewer edifices, fewer splendid dinners, fewer other trimmings of local interest. First and foremost, we need to get back to basics: to let our youth grow up to know what it means to be Jewish.

Chaim Joshua Cohen,
Toronto

'Roots'

Dear Editor:

I was delighted to read your editorial "Roots" in the March 11 issue, and we share your hopes for future scholarly and authentic histories relating to Jews and Jewish life in Canada.

The Jewish Historical Society of Canada, which was created as the result of a resolution passed at the 1974 plenary of the Canadian Jewish Congress, is now invited annually to take part in the Learned Societies Assembly. The Assembly this year is to be held in Fredericton at the University of New Brunswick, and June 5 has been allocated to us for a discussion of Canadian Jewish history.

Our first participation, last year at Quebec City, was in part a joint program with the Canadian Historical Association, which is the body which supported our application to become a part of the Learned Societies, and we are very grateful to them and to Stephen Speisman for their efforts.

Our society has taken a further initiative, and under the editorship of Rabbi Jonathan Plaut of Windsor, hopes to issue in April the first issue of the Transactions of the Society, a journal which we plan to issue in the spring and fall of each year. The April issue will deal primarily with Jews and Quebec, while we hope the second will deal primarily with the West and Jews, and will reflect the input of our most active component, The Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada, and of Dr. I. Wolch, our Western vice-president.

While I have your ear, may I bend it a little more and tell you that the CJC Plenary in Montreal, this May 12, will also feature a significant program being arranged by Evelyn Miller, our vice-president for the Eastern Region.

Victor Sefton, president
Toronto

Observance

Dear Editor:

Recently, we were faced with the problem of having the Pharmacy Board of Canada examination scheduled on the second day of Shavuot, May 24, 1977.

Thanks to the assistance of Ben Kayfetz and the Canadian Jewish Congress, Phil Goldman of Koffler Stores Ltd., Rabbi Irwin Witty of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, Neil Katzman of Rho Pi Phi Pharmaceutical Fraternity and member of the Ontario College of Pharmacists, and Murray Shore, community pharmacist, we were able to arrange a special time for observant students to write this exam.

We hope this will set a precedent for other pharmacy students and will encourage all other students in such a position to take a similar stand.

Ellen Kurtz,
Mindy Silverberg,
Leah Wise,
Toronto

Hundreds of children of Soviet Refuseniks anxiously await letters from children in the west. Lists are available from your Congress offices. This photo was taken at Yom Ha-atzmaut celebrations last year of Refusenik children in the wood near city of Moscow.

Scratch the old stereotypes and traditional expectations

THE CONTEMPORARY REBBITZIN'S ROLE

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — Rabbi's wives consider questions about their roles as non-questions. There is no well-defined role today for the rebbitzin, according to Elizabeth Plaut, Bea Hoschander and Hadassah Rosenberg. Instead, they say, there are only individuals who each have the freedom to interpret their responsibilities in their own ways.

Aside from the legendary Beruria, the wife of Rabbi Meir in 135 C.E., and an outstanding scholar in her own right, the historical figure of the rebbitzin does not loom with much importance. There is no literature per se on the subject.

Nevertheless, there does appear to be a common denominator in her various appearances through biblical, classical, medieval and modern times: the rebbitzin continuously subordinates her personal life to allow her husband fulfilment of his primary goals of study and prayer.

Rachel, the wife of Rabbi Akiva, sold her hair and sent her husband away to study for 24 years. In the shtetls of Eastern Europe, the rebbitzin often became the breadwinner so that her husband could pursue Talmudic truth.

In the suburban synagogues of middle-class America, she poured tea at fund-raising luncheons. Of course, by this time, the rabbi's role had altered as well, forcing more administrative and less scholarly duties upon him. Nevertheless, he was still the spiritual leader. The rabbi's wife, so the stereotype went, had an auxiliary role which was expected to be supportive to the man and the congregation.

Today, however, the all-over quest for personal fulfilment and self-realization makes a new look at contemporary rebbitzin both interesting and relevant. All three women interviewed are not only well-educated but have, at various times, pursued independent careers.

Elizabeth Plaut received her masters in zoology at the University of Cincinnati followed by teachers training.

Bea Hoschander graduated as an English major at City College in New York City, subsequently taught in Rochester, and later became a lab-technician at the Genessee Hospital in Rochester.

Hadassah Rosenberg received her doctorate in Near Eastern Archeology from the University of Toronto where she now lectures. Her undergraduate degree in English and comparative literature was taken at Colombia University in New York. She also went to a Hebrew Teacher's College in New York and taught Jewish day school.

Does being a rebbitzin today conflict with, or complement, such tutored minds and cultivated sensibilities? Modern Judaic attitudes have travelled a great distance from the older Orthodox traditions where a daily blessing for a male expresses solemn thanks to God for not making him a "her".

However, times have changed. And without qualification, all three rebbitzen unanimously concurred that their lives, far from being narrow or closed, are the exact opposite. They describe the rebbitzin's life as broad and open, offering exciting opportunities for personal, marital and family growth.

In Bea Hoschander's opinion, the inherent nature of Judaism itself, with its vast and rich intellectual, emotional and spiritual resources must nourish anyone committed enough to study and live it.

"My two greatest loves are teaching and being taught," she says. "I have always lived in a religious and academic environment. I need both, and being a rabbi's wife at Shaarei Shomayim has allowed me to pursue what I love."

Active in the women's branch at the national level of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Mrs. Hoschander organized a formal study program in Judaic studies. Last year, she helped set up classes at the Baycrest Minnie Wagman Centre, where she brought in older people to the classes on Torah, Jewish philosophy and Jewish law.

She is also a part-time teacher in home economics to both boys and girls, 12 to 14 years old, at the Associated Hebrew Schools. In an informal but active way, she counsels both young and old on a wide range of personal matters.

The Plauts exchange a laugh. From left: Jonathan, Judith, Elizabeth and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut. Mrs. Plaut discussed her role as a rabbi's wife with The CJN.

Judaism enjoins that a house always be open for scholars, whose wise words be imbibed with great thirst. Hadassah Rosenberg recalls that the "greatest delight" in her career as rabbi's wife lay in the exciting contact with the outstanding scholars and personalities her family was privileged to have in its home. Poets, writers, politicians, archeologists, statesmen passed through their doors and brought unforgettable memories to the whole family.

Steeped in a genealogical search for the family trees of about 10 to 12 kin families, Elizabeth Plaut, from the Holy Blossom Temple, combines the methodological skills she acquired at university with her knowledge of Jewish history. The Plaut family has so far undergone the most extensive researching.

In earlier days when the children were young, Mrs. Plaut wrote and published three children's stories, and designed, manufactured and distributed a children's game incorporating Jewish symbols which sold successfully all over the United States. For fun, she made Jewish jewelry.

Scratch, then, the old stereotypes. Rebbitzins can indulge eclectic tastes, serious interests or pursue full-time careers, depending on their own inclinations.

However, that still leaves the undeniably thorny problem of the expectations of the congregation in general, and the sisterhood in particular. What do people in these areas demand of the rebbitzin?

"You are expected to serve as an example for other Jewish women," according to Mrs. Rosenberg. "It is proxy Judaism. The rabbi and the rebbitzin do it for you rather than you doing it for yourself."

"The expectations of the congregation can create problems," affirmed Elizabeth Plaut. "Anyone who marries a rabbi must not delude herself about the inherent responsibilities and commitments in being a rabbi's wife."

Mrs. Rosenberg disagrees: "There should be no more expectations and prerequisites for being a rabbi's wife than for being a doctor's wife, or the wife of the member of any other profession."

Although the traditional expectations of the congregation can add pressure, they do not necessarily have to create problems, said Mrs. Hoschander. It is again a matter of individual interpretation and circumstances.

"The nature of the individual congregation, its sophistication and level of learning, also determine the rebbitzin's experience," she continued. "Some sisterhoods may want you in the kitchen. Some may want you to set up learning programs. Some may want both. Most expect, at least, a model of family and Jewish life.

"I have never found my sisterhood activities onerous, possibly because I am asked to do only what I really enjoy doing, such as writing articles for the shul bulletin."

"There are many factors which will influence how much or how little or in what ways the rebbitzin participates in sisterhood activities," explains Mrs. Plaut. "The time, place and particular experience of each synagogue is different."

During the war, for example, she was involved in a congregation whose sisterhood was always active. Mrs. Plaut started the gift shop, helped in the kitchen, raised funds, knitted and also taught Sunday school. In the past-war period when her children were still small, she continued her sisterhood activities. Basically, however, she feels that a rabbi's wife should not take the jobs that can be done by others in the congregation.

All agreed that the rebbitzin should project her own uniqueness as another humn being, and give according to her own abilities and interests.

As Mrs. Rosenberg defined the synagogue as primarily a school of prayer and learning, so she construes where the main energies of a sisterhood should lie. An established shul with capable staff, time, money and facilities, she emphasized, can fill the great demand for a systematic approach to higher Jewish learning, she says.

What about the rabbi's family life? Even if a rebbitzin, as Mrs. Rosenberg says, does not require any special training or prerequisites, she must certainly recognize the exaggerated stresses of the rabbinic vocation.

More than most professions (with the exception of the doctor), the rabbi confronts the dialectic of birth and death. More than the doctor, however, he must console, reassure, sympathize, stabilize and bring the whole concourse of events into perspective. The rabbi is not just teacher and preacher, man of prayer and God, he is also counselor and confidant. Finally, he has virtually no set hours.

What is left over after all of this for family life?

People often forget, says Mrs. Hoschander, that the rabbi's family has all the human problems and needs of any other family. "There is not much normalcy to a life in which births, deaths and marriages consistently all happen in one day. They are the non-negotiable events of a rabbi's time. He must attend."

Very young children of rabbis often get a distorted view of what their father does. Mrs. Hoschander recalls the day her husband was called out after the family made specific plans for the day. What else should we do, Mrs. Hoschander asked her children. In all innocence and seriousness, her small son replied: "Let's play funeral; this is what Daddy does."

So the family of a rabbi can inadvertently share much of the rabbi's life, for good and bad. To survive, there must be a balance. It is the wise rebbitzin who works out right away to share not only the tzouris, but also the nachas, not only the public life but also the private.

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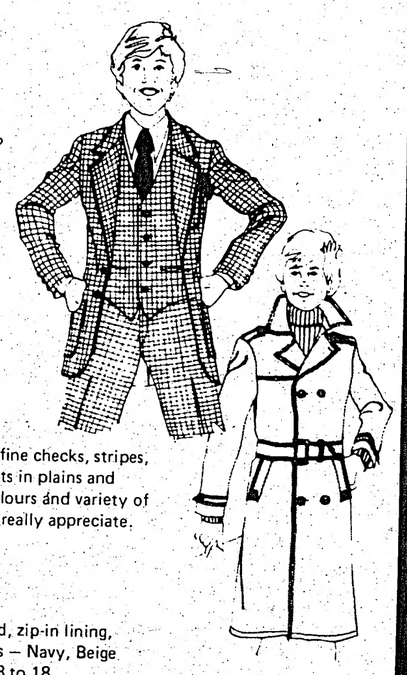

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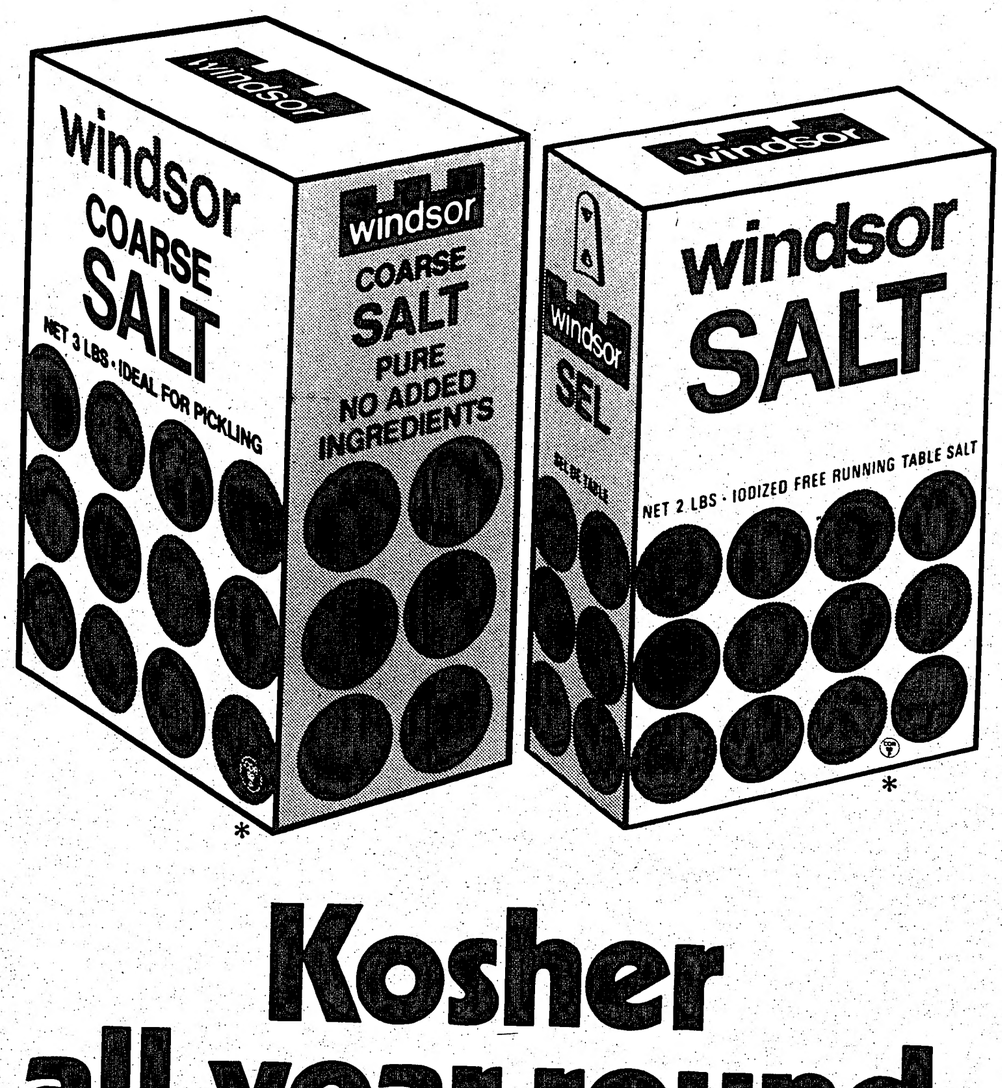

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ZIONISTS ALIVE IN BRAZIL

By HENRY SREBRNIK

RIO DE JANEIRO — While there is massive indifference to Judaism, and large-scale assimilation, among Brazilian Jewish youth, Zionist movements, especially on the university level, are nonetheless alive — and even well — in Rio de Janeiro.

True, even among leaders of Zionist university groups, who have recently come together under the banner of the University Zionist Council of Rio, and who were meeting at the home of Andre Wandersman in Copacabana one evening this past January to map strategy for 1977, I heard comments such as "the assimilation problem is very great here", "a lot of Jews know nothing about Jewishness", and even "Brazilian Jews are finished".

And yet an air of bravado managed to pervade the proceedings: "The leaders of the Jewish community? Forget them; they do nothing," said one activist. "But we're trying to change all that."

There are at present five main groups — Ben Yehuda, the newest; Masaca, created in 1973 by Revisionists; Yerushalaim WIZO, also founded in 1973, by WIZO women who wished to create an apolitical, socio-cultural group; Fritz Feigl, a 1975 outgrowth of the old Rio branch of the Grupo Universitario Hebraico do Brasil and named for the exiled German-Jewish

Abraham Zakon

scientist who found refuge from Hitler here; and Oswaldo Aranha, formed in late 1975 to meet the crisis caused by Brazil's negative position on Zionism in the UN General Assembly of that year. (A sixth group, Grupo Sion, formed by religious Zionists in 1969, has ceased to function).

The University Zionist Council now publishes a monthly Boletim Informativo, which is able to draw upon the talents of Moises Weltman, a professional journalist on the weekly Manchente (Brazil's version of the old Life magazine), as well as upon 40 or so occasional contributors. Each movement also puts out its own literature, such as Yerushalaim WIZO's Pauta.

One of the main forces behind the creation of the University Zionist Council of Rio (which has just this past December become part of an all-Brazilian national council) is Abraham (Albert) Zakon, a 30-year-old lecturer in biochemical engineering at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro.

Born of Polish parents who survived Hitler's camps, he came to Brazil at the age of five and grew up in a little town 30 kilometers from Rio. "I didn't really know I was Jewish until, when we moved to Rio, they started telling me I had killed Christ."

His real start in Zionist activity came after the Six Day War. "I needed answers to a lot of questions, and I had to make decisions about where my life was going." In 1968, already a university student and in Hashomer Hatzair, he entered what was then Brazil's national movement, the Grupo Universitario Hebraico.

The GUH, however, was unable to sustain the interests of Jewish youths, and the more politically oriented Zionist movements could not tap the general Jewish concerns of students.

"You know," he explained, "29 years after the creation of the state of Israel, when most Jewish youth have university diplomas and education, the Zionist ideology of 50 years ago is no longer adequate.

"The old Zionist youth movements forced Brazil's youth to make a choice at 18 — to go on aliyah, or stay in Brazil and integrate. Most couldn't face the hardships, and the parental pressures, and so preferred to stay and enter university here. So the best way to maintain the Jewish connection was to create university groups."

University is certainly the place where Jewish activities will succeed or fail. Most Jewish youth after the vestibular (matriculation exams) go on for higher education, and, like their North American counterparts, often display the fact by sticking university crest decals on the rear windows of their cars.

Oddly enough, most of the new groups were created by people not prominent in the older Zionist movements — a lot of the latter had gone on aliyah. "The university youth groups decided to emphasize social activities," said Zakon. "Still, we only reach about 30% of Jewish university youth; the rest participate only during crises, or not at all. Cultural activities were seen as not sufficient. After all, most people want to find a husband or wife, and social activities were necessary as well."

A prototype of this new type of group is Yerushalaim WIZO, created by the WIZO women in the difficult-to-organize Copacabana and Ipanema area "as a good context in which to meet Brazilian Jewish youth of similar interests and goals."

It holds its meetings in the homes of members and often draws upwards of 200 people. "Jewish youth is not indifferent to Judaism," insisted Zakon, "they need a light, someone to point the way. Groups like Yerushalaim WIZO are doing that."

Zakon prefers to induct Jewish youth into the university groups in a non-political way, and steer clear of ideology and identification with Israeli parties. "Later, if they choose, they can do that themselves."

The GUH had, by the end of 1973, basically stopped functioning in Rio; many of its leadership went off to Israel during the Yom Kippur War. Sergio Tyszler, now editor of the Boletim Informativo, created out of the wreckage, in September 1975, the Fritz Feigl group.

This displeased the national GUH leadership, based in Sao Paulo, as they felt they were losing control of the Zionist youth in Brazil.

As Cesar Guterman, a 23-year-old graduate student of mathematics and physics at the Universidade Estacio de Sa, and last year's leader of the Oswaldo Aranha group told me: "Sao Paulo is the centre of Jewish life. The 'strong' Jews are in Sao Paulo." The Sao Paulo GUH at this point feared it might lose its predominant position as spokesman for all the Brazilian groups within FUSLA, the Latin American Federation of University Zionists.

By now, the University Zionist Council of Rio's five groups was basically in place, and, to meet the challenge from Sao Paulo, its executive committee decided, as its first major task, to take a census of all Jewish youth in Rio. Despite the many difficulties in tracing them, through schools, synagogues, clubs, etc., it proved successful. "Even the Israeli consulate makes use of it," Abraham Zakon told me.

An even bigger project was undertaken at the invitation of Rio's Hebraica club in May, 1976. The five youth groups got 200 students to participate in the first Gincana Universitario Judaico, an eight-day festival of competitive games, sports, dances, theatre, culture and music. And this was followed up in July, when more than 100 students travelled to Peru to compete in the third Macabiada Pan-Americana.

In February, 1976, the Rio groups sent 19 people as part of the 37-member Brazilian delegation to the first Atlantic Seminar, sponsored by FUSLA, at Colonia Bialika in Argentina. There, representatives of movements in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay discussed common concerns regarding Jewish identity, Israeli issues, Latin American co-ordination and so on.

Zakon told me the government considers Zionism in Brazil acceptable, as long as it restricts itself politically and does not step outside self-imposed bounds. "Anyhow, when it comes to ideology and culture, Brazil's Jews are kosher," he laughed sarcastically. "Jews in Brazil have become materialistic. If they get a color TV, they forget their ideas and sit and watch in silence. The government doesn't worry about us; we don't make trouble for them."

Cesar Guterman confirmed this. "Officially, we have a neutral position toward the government. The government and the Jewish organizations have an understanding — they don't bother us, we don't bother them."

Both men felt the dangers of assimilation. Said Guterman, "most Jews in Brazil are integrating into Brazilian culture and are losing their Jewish customs. It's not good." Added Zakon, "the future of Brazilian Jews could be assimilation — but I don't think we'll totally disappear. A lot of youth are questioning their position here."

True enough. Last year, almost 1,000 Jewish youngsters went to Israel for their summer holidays. And this year, despite the new government law forcing anyone leaving the country on a trip to deposit 12,000 cruzeiros (about $1,000) in a state bank, redeemable (without interest accumulation) only a year after one's return, even more are going there on their summer break (which, in Brazil, is January-February).

On Jan. 6, I saw a group of 270 Hashomer Hatzair members, 116 of them from Rio, leave for two months' work on Israeli kibbutzim. In the midst of the noisy, emotional scenes between parents and children before departure, Benjamin Finkielman, a 22-year-old law student at Rio's Universidade Federal who plans to go on aliyah soon, told me: "The important thing for me anywhere I go in the world is to be a Jew. This is the premiere thing."

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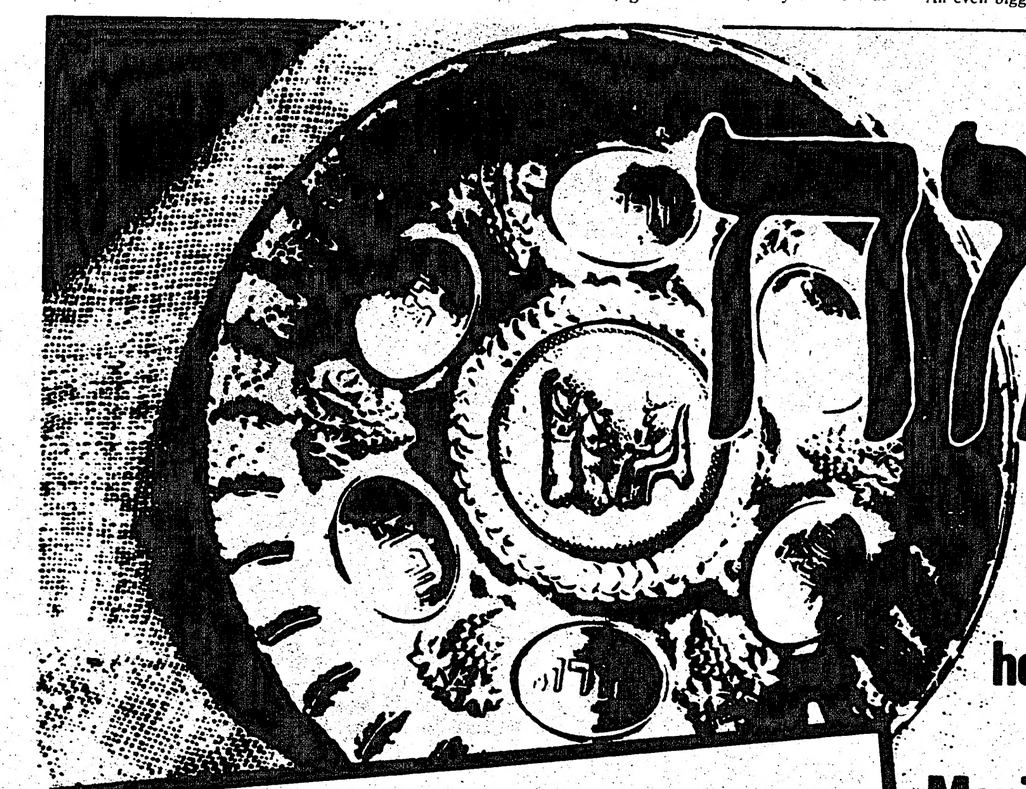

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Appraisal of Zionist movement is required

By YAACOV TSUR

Despite the mass identification of Jews the world over with Israel, the World Zionist Organization has not become a major factor for world Jewry. A critical appraisal of the Zionist movement is long overdue.

Zionism, which began as a most significant revolutionary movement, has become entrapped in an unwieldy, rigid, and conservative organization. Over the years, world Jewry changed beyond recognition in its way of thinking and perceptions. Israel was established and is now a focus of world attention, while in the Zionist organization, business carries on as before (congresses, etc.) and in no way reflects the problems of the day.

In its judgment on pre-Congress elections, the Zionist Supreme Court warned the World Zionist Organization against becoming a "federation of functionaries — a movement which has become inactive, closed within itself, and locking its doors to newcomers wishing to contribute."

There was scarcely any coverage or reaction to this severe attack, neither in Israel nor in the Diaspora; which indicates apathy and lack of interest in the fate of this once all-important organization.

One very basic organizational defect immediately comes to mind. In order to ensure proper representation of Jewry today, the organization must be run according to democratic principles. However, according to the present set-up, representation is arranged by various agreements and parties achieve representation without effort on their part, with no need for proposing policies or campaigning for support.

A way must be found to involve the masses and activate them, and those parties that succeed best at this should be represented accordingly.

The fact is, that with 900,000 members (according to a recent count) the Zionist organization has no plan or policy of how to activate them and the huge Zionist periphery in their daily lives. As things stand today, membership in the Zionist organization has no meaning.

The Zionist organization has long been bereft of any ideological framework. In contrast to the beginnings of Zionism, today Zionism has no real ideological competitor, while at the same time there is a real danger of assimilation. But Zionism can be a significant Jewish ideology which can play a major role in the fight against assimilation.

The main role of the Zionist organization should be the fight against ignorance. This involves transmitting the history of the Jewish people, for without this, Zionism has no meaning. However, there has been little updating or adaptation to current reality.

For instance, 'catastrophic Zionism' is no longer relevant. Even if there is danger for Jews in one country, they can find a place in another, and not necessarily Israel.

In the past, aliyah has consisted of Jews seeking refuge from oppression. Today, for most Jews — many of whom are academics — aliyah depends on the attractiveness of Israel as the focus of Zionist realization.

We have to rebuild a Zionist movement. The Zionist organization has to reveal the defects of the Jewish establishment and not be a part of it. In this respect its status is distinct from that of the state of Israel and its agencies or fund-raising organizations, which have to avoid clashing with public figures. Such a movement should take upon itself the responsibility of an information offensive worthy of its name.

It is most important that young persons, as individuals, be encouraged for leadership tasks. Today, the emissaries fulfil many roles except the most important, that of being concerned with the Zionist as an individual. The success criterion of an emissary should be the extent to which he can mobilize leadership.

As often happens with a national movement, when its main initial aim is achieved (i.e. with the establishment of the state of Israel), its strength diminishes.

However, in view of the attack on Zionism in recent times, which constitutes an attack on Jewish national existence, it is clear that the Zionist movement still has an extremely important role to play. Today criticism is called for but, more than that, the time has come for concerted action.

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Pound's grudge against Jews

David Pryce-Jones is the author of Unity Mitford: A Quest (Weidenfeld & Nicolson), a biography of Hitler's aristocratic friend which has recently aroused much vehement discussion. In the following article, he goes into the question concerning the case of another outstanding and unusual anti-Semite.

Ezra Pound hit the London literary scene in 1908, and hit it hard. He had arrived from Idaho, an ambassador from the New World, brash but a classicist, too; and a presence with his coppery hair and crusader's face. Soon he was putting W.B. Yeats straight, correcting T.S. Eliot's poems in draft, and mobilizing a vanguard. Always the preacher.

As preachers will, he grew dissatisfied. There he was, at his ease in each and every great culture, with quotations in a dozen languages at his fingertips, and an energetic innovator as well — but who really sat up and took note?

His was the grudge or grumpiness of the man confined to little magazines. Arrogant, conspiratorial, manic. By the 20s he had started on the **Cantos**, the ever-extending sequence which was his life's work, an egorave, flashing but full of ugliness and distortion, like a cracked mirror.

By the 20s, too, he had absorbed a crank system of economics known as Social Credit, according to which usury was to blame for everything, and usury meant the Jews.

C. David Heymann, in **Ezra Pound: The Last Rower**, judges Pound to be one of the greatest of modern poets. But he is then not willing to slip in the customary little tut-tut about what a pity the anti-Semitism was, and no doubt some best friends were Jews as well. He has been allowed access to the official FBI files in Washington upon which the treason charges against Pound came to be based. He reproduces documents. Thorough and fair, he thinks the best of Pound when and if he can.

Heymann makes it plain that Mussolini's brand of fascism, its rhetoric unlimited but its brutality a matter of calculation, exactly suited Pound's temperament.

It was natural for him to settle in a country in which fantasies about Jews and money found contemporary political expression. Contempt and abuse became his habitual mode.

After an audience with Mussolini in 1933, he was further confirmed in his inflated image of himself, as acting out the epic of Pound versus All Comers. Mussolini, and later Count Ciano too, began to receive letters from him of advice about usury and the Jews.

In the fateful summer of 1939, illusion-bound, he travelled to America in order to stop the war, and always continued to believe, back in Italy, that he would have succeeded if only the right ears had listened.

So President Roosevelt, in his demonology, grew into "Jewsfeldt" and "stinkie Roosenstein," as Pound set himself the task of rescuing the American people from the Jewish domination they did not perceive.

To him, the war was a matter of Jewish economics, and what was needed was "a pogrom up at the top." There was never a moment to elucidate how the very insignificant number of Jews could hold the whole planet to ransom; nor why, if they were such a power, they could not prevent their fate of genocide.

By 1940 he could sign off a letter with a grandiloquent "Heil Hitler," and when it was all over he could still sum up, "Hitler was a Jeanne d'Arc, a saint. He was a martyr. Like many martyrs, he held extreme views."

By 1941 he had taken the step which transformed him from a crackpot into a potential traitor — he arranged to broadcast regular war-propaganda on the Italian radio, receiving payment for this from the Ministry of Popular Culture.

What effects these broadcasts had at the time is hard to estimate. George Orwell, for instance, found them disgusting, and certainly it caused a stir, if not a Haw-Haw sensation, that someone with a literary reputation should lend himself to such a thing.

From the extensive quotations which Heymann provides, on the other hand, it might be argued that Pound was too deranged really to do harm.

His thoughts were hardly relevant, grinding in ruts, attacking the Bank of England, gold, the Rothschilds, the Sassoons, American radio stations and other pet bugbears.

Yet there he was ranting in gutter language about Jews, calling for and justifying their persecution, which he very well knew was happening on a continental scale. At no point in his life did he ever express unequivocal regret about the Holocaust, or his share in the machinery of smoothing it over.

Already during the war, an indictment for treason had been brought against him. He seems never to have treated it seriously, on the grounds that his actions were covered by the American constitutional right of free speech.

He remained loyal to Mussolini to the very end, even pausing in the **Cantos** for an elegiac tribute to him. At the end of April 1945, Pound was taken into custody, a war criminal and dealt with as such in the American Detention Centre near Pisa.

His cell was an improvised steel cage, in a death-row alongside soldiers condemned for murder. No protection against the weather, though he was 60 already. Only at the end of the year was he flown back to America.

Arrogant lonely insane

A broken man, temporarily at least. Lawyers and doctors between them then decided that he was unable to stand trial, being unsound in mind and body. And so he was detained in St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, until such time as he might be deemed to have recovered.

This dragged on for 13 years, long enough for public attitudes to have swung round, and perhaps long enough for punishment, and even for Pound to begin to glory in it.

Robert Frost, T.S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway and Archibald MacLeish were responsible for his release. They had lobbied, they claimed, as much for the good repute of American literature as for a fellow-writer. Under pressure from above, the court held that Pound would never be well enough to be tried, but equally would never be cured by detention.

A nice dilemma, which was solved by allowing him to return to Italy, where he was to be seen once again as his old self, giving his fascist salute, parading and associating with the old gang.

The winning argument, as it had boiled down, was emotive but simple, that as a poet Pound had some sort of unspecified right to be different from other men, to be unaccountable for his actions.

The opposite is as convincing and true, that the greater the poet, the more responsible he must be. But no, a distinction had been drawn between the man and the work.

As early as 1949, the **Cantos** were awarded prestigious literary prizes, so that this distinction was soon exposed for the artificiality it was. To honor the poet was to excuse the man, for the one was nothing without the other.

Of course it is a shock that a poet should be locked up, and of course intellectuals will be prone to special pleading on the score. All the same, the moral outrage of what Pound had done could not be conjured away by making out that the government had really been bullying him.

William Joyce, or Haw-Haw, by these standards would appear to have been hanged mainly because nobody stepped forward to say he was mentally unfit for trial. Is this how issues of the kind ought to be swayed?

That Pound was more or less insane can hardly be doubted, and this insanity, sad to say, was twinned to the inspiration of the poetry. As far as extremist and anti-Semitic theories go, however, he was only scavenging on the surface of his literary circle. T.S. Eliot could put into a poem the caricature of a "Chicago Semite Viennese" whose "lustreless protrusive eye stares from the protozoic slime."

Wyndham Lewis, a close collaborator in Pound's youth, though veering off afterwards, also imagined that fascism was a means of keeping peace.

Was the entire crew trading on ancient prejudices in the guise of modernism? Or were they, as I suspect, ignorant and blind to reality as only highbrows can be?

The Pound whom Heymann describes had gone to some lengths to know nothing practical or effective about the politics and economics on which he was sounding off; he was naive and lonely, a prisoner inside his own head.

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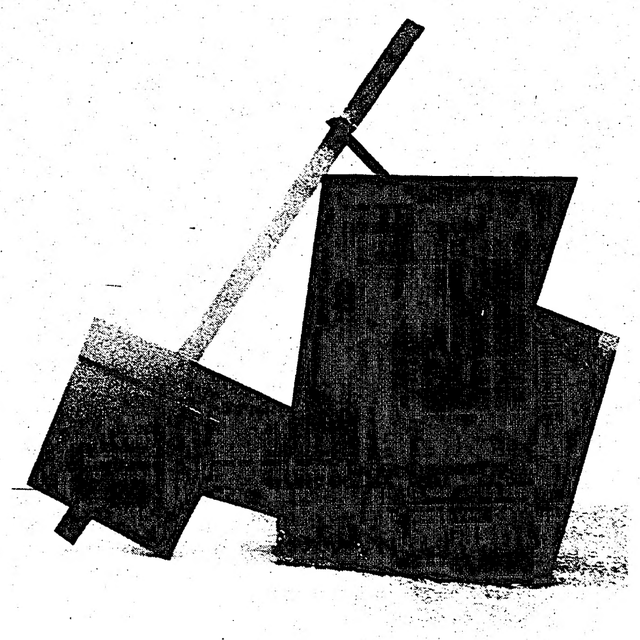

This painted wood work, called Joyous Vee, was put together by Canadian artist Alan Reynolds in 1976. It is on display at the Smithsonian Institute.

Joseph Hirshhorn's credo: 'I buy what I like'

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By JULIANNA BORSA

At the groundbreaking ceremony of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington are Joseph Hirshhorn (centre), the then U.S. President Johnson (1969), and Dillon Ripley of Smithsonian.

The Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, is currently the centre of a Canadian controversy in art. Critic Andrew Hudson chose what he considers "the best, most vital" for the show **14 Canadians: A Critic's Choice.**

In a way it is a tribute to the American Jewish financier and mining executive, Joseph H. Hirshhorn, founder of the museum, and himself a controversial art collector.

Hirshhorn confounded critics and experts with his "I buy what I like" attitude in establishing his own collection. His background certainly did not prepare him for it.

Hirshhorn came to the U.S. in 1905 from Latvia as a six-year-old immigrant with his widowed mother and her 12 other children. He began working as an office boy at 15 and by 17 became a stockbroker.

During the 1920s and 30s, he expanded his fortune and Canada played an important part. He turned to gold mining here and then began to finance uranium ventures which led to significant discoveries around Ontario's Blind River.

In 1954 he consolidated his numerous mining properties, and this reorganization provided him the necessary time and money to concentrate on his collection of contemporary art.

His career as an art collector spans a period of 40 years. According to accounts, he would leave a business meeting to rush to an exhibition or an artist's studio. Suddenly he would descend on a gallery and buy several works with a certainty and speed rarely encountered by dealers.

He bought what he liked and damned the opinion of experts. He was unwilling or incapable of confining his acquisitions to a particular style or school.

Controversial as his eclectic and sometimes eccentric choices might have been, the collection is undeniably an important one.

In May 1966, on behalf of the U.S., President Johnson accepted 4,000 paintings and 1,500 sculptures from Joseph Hirshhorn, and in October of the same year, Congress voted $15 million for the construction of the gallery to house them. It is now part of the Smithsonian Institution.

The first exhibition from another country to be initiated by the museum since its completion about two years ago reflects Hirshhorn's ties with Canada, and even moreso, his independent, "I don't give a damn," attitude.

Andrew Hudson went ahead and selected what he believes is "the best Canadian art being produced at the moment". It is very much his personal choice, and this leaves room for dissent.

A native of Britain and a former resident of Canada, Hudson travelled extensively across the country to choose 14 artists, who range from established reputations like Jack Bush to young artists like Howard Simkins and Paul Sloggett.

Hudson optimistically predicts that "Canada — and particularly Toronto — stands at present in a very strong position in relation to the rest of the world. I foresee that...this city (Toronto) could become the next most important centre of painting — for I don't see as vital and independent a group of new painters located anywhere else, not even in New York."

The Hirshhorn Museum has provided an important showcase to display his viewpoint. The exhibition continues until April 10, but it highlights artists to watch in Toronto for many months to come.

The David Mirvish Gallery is featuring a selection of five artists in the Washington show till April 12.

Stars all shine in festival

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Mary Simmons is one of North America's leading mezzo-sopranos, and her appearance at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Jewish Festival of Stars concert March 6 was the highlight of the evening.

Richly majestic, yet 100% Yiddishe tam in feeling, Ms Simmons' rendition of Lazar Weiner's **A Gibet** ("God of this universe, listen to my prayers; give me peace") was truly spectacular, evoking a standing ovation.

In contrast to this sensitive forcefulness was her warmly tender version of Shneour's familiar **Margarit-Kelech** and her lilting duet with Cantor Louis Danto, **Milchel** (from Goldfaden's all-too-neglected opera **Bar Kochba**).

Cantor Louis Danto was in usual top form — not only in his actual performances (highlighted by the liturgical **V'l'Yerushalayim Ircha b'Rachamim Tashuv**, of which he composed the music, and **A Brivele der Mammen**) but also in his planning and co-ordination of the actual program.

Although a bit long, the program did succeed in presenting an admirable representation of Toronto's increasing list of top Jewish talent. So successful was the programing that, at the end of the long concert, the audience wanted more.

Toronto Symphony first oboist Harry Sargous' tone may not be as lush as that of Senia Trubashnik. It's a bit more straightforward. But it worked perfectly in conveying the lilting folk-melodies of Srul Glick's **Suite Hebraique**, and did evoke some of the emotionalism required by Ernest Bloch's **Prayer from the Suite of Jewish Life.**

Special praise goes to the Nirkoda Israeli Dancers under the fine direction of Teme Kernerman, whose interpretation of musically exciting Yemenite selections was imaginative, dramatically-oriented and thus captivating.

A memorable moment was Yaakov Eden's **Desert Caravan** suite; the debka sequence displayed polished dancing infused by spirited joy. Gusto combined with effortless gymnastic skill also characterized Israel Frajman's Chassidic dance solo.

I hope to see the Nirkoda troupe involved in more major choreographed original works in the near future; they are very good indeed.

Singer Jenny Eisenstein's texturally-oriented voice displayed its greatest mastery in her rendition of Raisin-Buyats' **Maran**, which concluded her three-selection set. Here, her dramatic tonal variety came through most definitively. Cellist Jose Shapero performed Bloch's **Medley of Nigunim.**

Opening and closing the concert was the Beth Tikvah Synagogue Choir, under the direction of Srul Irving Glick: a well-balanced, tightly-polished amateur ensemble which really came alive during the finale of the concert with several audience participation numbers in which Cantor Danto joined in as solo.

After nearly three hours, the audience came totally alive with the choir: the ultimate sign of the overwhelming success of this Jewish Festival of Stars.

PURIMSHPIEL PUPPET SHOW: The best aspect of the travelling Bubatron Puppet Show, which I saw at Beth Tzedec recently (presented to a United Synagogue Day School audience) was the puppets themselves: especially a strikingly designed (a la Chagall) King Ahaseurus, a stately, attractive Esther and a goblinesque Haman.

Too bad the show itself didn't treat the children with the same degree of respect as did the artwork. By reducing the Book of Esther down to the level of a mickey-mouse Grimm fairy tale narrated by a singsong pedant, this Purimshpiel was embarrassingly condescending.

No wonder the children soon began to snicker for reasons other than what was originally intended.

Toronto sculptor Eloul wins $35,000 competition with vertical steel column

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Toronto sculptor Kosso Eloul has won the Hamilton Art Gallery's $35,000 sculpture competition. The sculpture consists of a 24-foot high vertical steel column with a second column balanced precariously on one edge.

Eloul, who won over 228 entries, was born in Russia in 1920 and emigrated to Israel in 1924 with his family. He studied in Tel Aviv and the Chicago Art Institute and in 1969-70 was artist-in-residence at the University of Toronto's school of architecture.

Now living in Toronto, he has received commissions from all over the world, and his work has been included in many national and international exhibitions.

A committee of five jurors unanimously selected Eloul's scale model. Hamilton Art Gallery Director Glen Cumming said that although it was "mainly an aesthetic decision", there were also other considerations such as wind pressure, snow and kids climbing all over it. The two runners-up were Robert Arn of Toronto and Otto Rogers of Saskatoon.

The sculpture will stand in the plaza in front of the new art gallery, which is scheduled to open in the fall. So far, Hamiltonians have been denied a view of the plaza, but Globe and Mail writer Kay Kritzweiser described it as "comparable, in its contemporary way, to the great old plazas of France and Spain."

The gallery was designed by Hamilton architect Trevor Garwood-Jones, who also built the adjacent theatre, Hamilton Place. The plaza will be located on top of the parking garage. The engineering aspect of putting the sculpture there "has been blown up out of all proportion by the press," according to Cumming. "We knew about this problem from the beginning and that it would involve reinforcing the roof."

A Toronto firm of structural engineering consultants has been engaged to deal with this problem. The structural problems of the sculpture's seemingly perilously teetering angle, on the other hand, have all been worked out by Eloul.

Nicknamed "Steely," the sculpture will be built in Stelcalloy steel, a self-weathering steel which eventually mellows to a pleasing, reddish-brown hue. If left to nature, the process would take years, but the Steel Company of Canada has been able to advance it considerably, and it should not be too long before the sculpture, which is expected to be in place by mid-summer, will have taken on its permanent color.

LeisurePleasures

By VIVIENNE MUHLING 481–6434

Gallery M is showing **Prints & Drawings** by **David Schorr,** an American artist whose work you may have seen reproduced in New Republic magazine, to which he contributes regularly. A Fulbright-Hays Fellow, **Schorr** has had several major exhibitions in Italy, New York, Chicago, etc. Don't miss this, his first Toronto exhibition, Tues.–Sat., 10:30–5:30 till April 13 at **Gallery M, 1795 Avenue Road, 781–3150.**

Opening at **Gallery Scollard** on March 30, recent paintings by London (Ont.) artist **Ian Turner.** This is the first Toronto exhibition for his oil-on-canvas and mixed media abstracts which he describes as "space-scapes". Gallery Scollard is a non-profit organization, dedicated to promoting young artists of merit. To learn how you can associate with these aims, phone **967–7480. Gallery Scollard, 96 Scollard.**

Ian Kochberg is the **Legal Art** Gallery's discovery – a Canadian artist noted for humor, whose mastery of satire you may have seen illustrating articles in Ontario Naturalist. In a more serious vein, his **"The Scales of Justice"** is a moving and erudite work. It's a limited edition print that the artist will hand embellish and sign on purchase. See it 10–5 p.m., Wed.–Sat. at **Legal Art, 3212 Yonge St., 487–7808.**

'A Day In Paradise', now at the **Sisler Gallery** is a gently satirical exhibition of bronzes by **Almuth Lutkenhaus** – a sculptor with a charming sense of humor that's rare and refreshing. Don't be surprised if you see several you'd love to live with. On view Tues.–Sat. 10–5:30 and 2–5 Sun., until April 7 – just 2 blocks north of Dundas and McCaul – the **Sisler Gallery, 35 Baldwin Street, 868–0440.**

The Van S Gallery will delight those who enjoy direct communication with the artist. If, en route, to or from Kensington Market, you climb the unprepossessing stairs, you'll find **Con Van Suchtelin's** oils hung most pleasingly in his comfortable, airy studio. From 2–6 p.m., Wed.–Sat., he will gladly discuss his mostly figurative work with you. **The Gallery Van S, 460 Spadina Avenue, 925–8070.**

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Put **PIAF** on your list of 'musts'. **Schubert's Cabaret** has absolutely re-created the Paris of Piaf's heyday and **Dorothy Poste,** in the title role, is totally captivating. There's a dinner/show package available ... good food, wine and liquor, dancing, a wonderfully intimate atmosphere and, most of all a great show! 8:30 Wed.–Sat. and Sat. midnight. Reserve now – **961–2460. Schubert's Cabaret, 138 Pears Avenue.**

At **The Groaning Board** next week, the Blues and Swing of singer-guitarist Jackie Washington, who many of you heard at Mariposa. New each Monday: **Films!** For starters, March 27, a **Cartoon Festival** ... and each Sunday, 5–10 p.m., you can sing along music hall style with London Bobby (no cover). The great, great food is always the big plus at **The Groaning Board, 1057 Bay Street, 922–9876.**

You must see **Dinah Christie and Tom Kneebone's** show at **Theatre-in-the-Dell.** It's a highly personalized potpourri that highlights songs by Rodgers & Hart, Bock & Harnick and, most of all, Stephen (Send In The Clowns) Sondheim - with the inimitable Christie–Kneebone comedy touches as pace-changers that make this cabaret a delightful way to spend an evening. **Theatre-in-the-Dell, 300 Simcoe Street, 368–5309.**

Let's Get A Divorce is **Toronto Arts Production's** next event. A marvelous 19th century French farce in all its glory. **Albert Millaire** directs and co-stars in this fun-filled look at what might be if husband and lover confuse their roles in the life of a charming lady. Laugh along any Monday–Saturday at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday matinee. Tickets $8–$3.50 from **St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E., 366–7723.**

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AROUND THE TOWN

By JANICE ARNOLD

BLOCK PARENTS

An information meeting for residents of Snowdon and Cote des Neiges interested in a block parent program will be held March 28 at 8 p.m. in the Van Horne School. The evening, which will include a film and guest speakers, is sponsored by the Van Horne School Committee, National Council of Jewish Women, and Project Genesis.

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CHRISTIAN VIEW

Marcel Dubois, leader of the interfaith movement in Israel, will speak at a noon luncheon on March 30 at the Samuel Bronfman House. His topic will be "A Christian Outlook on Israel". The event is urder the auspices of the National Religious Department of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and the Montreal Committee for Catholic-Jewish Relations.

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TAY-SACHS RESEARCH

A $10,000 bequest has been made from the estate of the late **Hilda Benjamin** for research into Tay-Sachs and other related diseases at the McGill University-Montreal Children's Hospital Research Institute, the Jewish Community Foundation reports.

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Alan Peres

NEW DIRECTOR

Alan Peres has been named director-general of the Jewish Convalescent Hospital. He was formerly the administrative officer of the nursing department of the Montreal Children's Hospital.

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TEEN GROUP

A social and recreational group for adolescents with learning difficulties has been created by the Jewish Education Council's committee for such youngsters chairman **Ralph Pritzker** has announced. The weekly meetings will provide social activities as well as a chance for a little Jewish education.

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FAIT FRANCAIS

Three speakers have been confirmed for Le Fait Francais' third lecture seminar on Quebec. They are **Evelyn Dumas**, editor of Le Jour, on March 28; a spokesman for the Human Rights Commisstion of Quebec on April 18; and **Pierre Laporte** of the Regie de la Langue Francaise on May 2.

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GREY POWER

The Social Action Committee of the Golden Age Association is currently protesting the proposed increases in telephone rates and services and co-operating with other community groups to oppose hydro and gas increases. The committee has also been concerned with crime against the elderly, rental problems, hazardous conditions at bus stops in winter and other public transportation difficulties.

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SUGARING-OFF PARTY

The Montreal Jewish Single Graduate Association will hold its annual sugaring-off party on Mont St. Hilaire, March 27. All the maple syrup on snow that you can eat and a dance with a live band in the evening. Reservations from Reuben at 747-5801.

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TOP STUDENT

Sabrina Reinhart of Montreal was among the four Canadian undergraduates at Yeshiva University included in the 1976-77 list of outstanding students. Ms Reinhart, a student at Stern College for Women, is chairman of the Big Sister Committee, a member of the Torah activities committee and the student senate.

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QUEBEC CITY ELECTION

Moe Rosenhek of St. Foy, honorary president of the Jewish community of Quebec City, was recently elected to the chairmanship of the Protestant School Board of Greater Quebec.

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DINNER HONOREES

Hyman M. Tolchinsky will be honored at a testimonial dinner at the Shaar Hashomayim by the builders division of Israel Bonds and **Mike Kotler** at the Beth Israel auditorium by Pythagoras Lodge 38 and the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Both dinners will take place tomorrow night.

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HOLOCAUST FILMS

The Holocaust Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress is presenting a trilogy of films on the Holocaust March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Jewish Public Library. The three films are **The Life That Disappeared** by Roman Vishniac, about Jewish life in Europe before the Nazi destruction; **Night and Fog** by Alain Resnais, a documentary on the concentration camps; and **The Holocaust**, a chronological survey produced by Yad Vashem.

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SHAMIR LECTURE

One of Israel's most distinguished political scientists, **Shimon Shamir**, will speak on the "PLO: An Israeli Perception" at Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem synagogue, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Founder and former director of the Shiloah Centre for Middle Eastern Studies of the Tel Aviv University, Shamir is one of the prominent Israelis being presented this month by the Canadian Zionist Federation. That afternoon, Shamir will lead a Zionist information seminar at Cummings House.

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CHILDREN,S SHOW

Michael Ruben and **Stan Urman** will team up for a special program for children March 27 at the Samuel Bronfman House at 2 p.m. Chassidic singers and guitarists will entertain. Admission is free. Immediately after Passover, a Sefira concert featuring Montreal cantors is planned as part of the Jewish Music Month festivities.

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PASSOVER WORKSHOPS

The Snowdon 'Y' is holding Family Passover Workshops this Sunday afternoon from noon on. Parents and children can learn Pesach songs, matzah baking, how to organize a seder and special holiday arts and crafts. Call **Ellen Sands**, 737-6551.

Begin, Rabbi Hartman—men of vision

IN MY VIEW

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

I'm suffering from an attack of name dropping. In recent days, I had the occasion to spend some time in conversation with no less than Menachem Begin and David Hartman.

I mention both these names almost in the same breath because, for one thing, the former admitted with due immodesty that I may well be speaking to the next prime minister of Israel (in all the years I've known Begin he's never said it quite as confidently). And the latter conceded that if there is indeed a spiritual re-awakening among Montreal Jews, he admitted, with due immodesty, that his contribution may have helped.

I won't disagree.

As it happened, my appointments with Likud leader Menachem Begin and Rabbi Dr. David Hartman took place on the same evening within one hour — the former in an atmosphere of suppressed opulence at the Ritz Carlton, the latter in an atmosphere of suppressed affluence at the apartment of Edith and Sol Lederman.

Suddenly I've realized that Begin and Rabbi Hartman, besides being committed and dedicated Jews, have something else in common.

Begin had said to me that what Israel needed at this time, to eliminate the deadly socio-economic malaise, was a splurge of industry from private investment, and after talking to Rabbi Hartman, I suddenly realized that he is one of the important leaders of a relatively new and flourishing industry in Israel, based primarily in Jerusalem — Neshomah Ratevehn, the rescue of Jewish souls.

One can hardly take a step in any direction these days in Jerusalem without being approached to visit an institution whose raison d'etre would seem to be the mitzvah of redirecting those, particularly youngsters, who've wandered away from the faith and the forces of simple human dignity and self-respect.

Edith and Sol Lederman are among the nicest folk I know in this city, and I've known them for a very long time. Similarly, I've known David Hartman almost from the day he was appointed spiritual leader of the Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem in Cote St. Luc in the early 1960s.

Thus it seemed appropriate for Rabbi Hartman to have been guest of honor at a reception and dinner at the Ledermans, attended by the leading industrialists and business persons of the community.

The occasion was Rabbi Hartman's current visit to Montreal to deliver some lectures on subjects spiritual and metaphysical, occasionally linking his intense philosophical probings to Maimonides and his **Guide of the Perplexed**.

As for me, I must admit, once again, being perplexed than ever on the subject of Rabbi David Hartman and the unique role he plays in the Montreal Jewish community, although he is now a resident of Jerusalem, locale of the Shalom Hartman Institute of Judaic Studies.

What perplexes me about Rabbi Hartman are two things: one is that he is a man, obviously, of exceptional brilliance and deep-seated philosophical and religious commitment, as it relates to every man, the average person.

Yet, Rabbi Hartman himself has permitted the creation of an aura about himself which is difficult to relate to Everyman and the average person. He has become part of the contemporary mythology, almost superhuman... and, I must admit, it bothers me more than somewhat.

The second perplexing thing about Rabbi David Hartman is his style, and this is a purely subjective judgment.

As I recall in attending services in his shul, at one time the Torah reading became an elaborate production of singing and dancing which, for me, detracted from the traditional shabbos dignity. And while the conversation with him today is stimulating (to say the least) and, indeed, innovative and thought-provoking, I can't escape the feeling, much as I try, that much of the substance of his words is lost in the attempt to make an impact.

Having said all these things, there is something of overall importance to note:

If David Hartman's image and style succeed in motivating the lost to find themselves, whether at one of his lectures in Montreal or at the Shalom Hartman Institute and Judaic Studies in Jerusalem, then it's more than okay with me.

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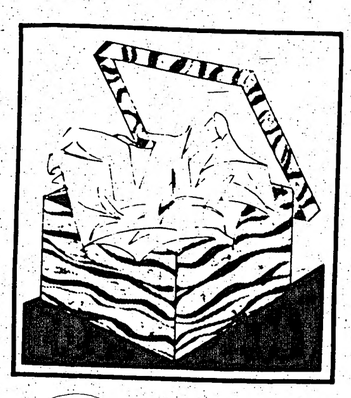

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Standing at attention on the White House lawn are Prime Minister Rabin, President Carter, Leah Rabin and Rosalyn Carter. The U.S. and Israeli leaders met recently for two days of talks in the United States.

Renewed hope for peace after talks by Rabin, Carter

MONTREAL [Staff] —

The very wording of the recent talks between Prime Minister Rabin and President Carter gives new hope for a peace solution in the Middle East, in the opinion of Shlomo Aronson, a senior lecturer at the Hebrew University.

"This is the first time a U.S. government has endorsed the Israeli position on the meaning and substance of peace," he said. "While the Arabs have been talking about a peace arrangement they have in mind, it's at best some kind of document with Israel for an end to war with no immediate plans for normalization. Other U.S. administrations have been exempted from defining a real peace."

Shlomo Aronson is guest lecturer this year at the influential Brookings Institute in Washington. Carter adopted the Institute's recommendation that normalization of relations be brought about before establishing a total peace agreement.

Although Carter's proposal that the final borders be negotiated on the basis of the 1967 border with minor clarifications is "not compatible," Aronson is optimistic that this will not impede steps toward normalization.

"Since both the U.S. and Israel know that the Arabs are not ready for normalization nor is Israel ready for a total withdrawal, I think enough mutual understanding has been reached to prevent a deadlock or possible new war."

The Brookings Institute, a "think tank" which keeps a close watch on Middle East developments and the U.S. government, is hoping the Carter administration will adopt its stage-by-stage peace solution.

"It's something less than a comprehensive solution," Aronson explained. "Complete normalization and withdrawal would be difficult to carry out immediately — for both sides. We propose that the two sides agree in principle, at Geneva or wherever, that normalization and withdrawal be implemented over a very long period, in stages."

Under this formula, the Israelis might leave certain areas and in return the Arabs would end the state of war, or make a statement on the Arab boycott, or offer a convincing answer to the future of the Palestinians.

A Jordanian solution in the West Bank for the Palestinians would be acceptable, only if it was agreed that the PLO would not be allowed to enter the picture.

"This long, exploratory exercise may begin in earnest after the May 17 elections, after the emergence of a coalition, probably under Rabin, Peres and Yadin.

Technion rabbi a convert

HAIFA —

Rabbi Aharon Shear-Yashuv is now completing his first year as chaplain of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Upon graduation from the Jerusalem Seminary in 1976, the Technion appointment is his first rabbinical post.

Officially a Jew for only eight years, Rabbi Shear-Yashuv was born a Christian 37 years ago in Germany. His conversion by an Orthodox rabbi in Montreal in 1969 culminated a 10-year growing interest in Judaism.

It was at the University of Hamburg that the rabbi's interests veered towards general philosophy and Jewish philosophy and history. Here he was appointed assistant to the professor of Jewish history, with whom he worked for a year and a half while studying Christian theology.

By 1968, his desire to learn about Judaism could no longer be satisfied within the borders of Germany, and he was advised to go to the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he received a Ph.D.

During his studies at Hebrew Union College the process towards official conversion started. At his insistence, the final conversion in August, 1969, was an Orthodox one with an Orthodox rabbi from Montreal presiding.

Rabbi Shear-Yashuv

He immigrated to Israel in 1971. From 1973 to 1976, he attended the Jerusalem Seminary for Rabbinic Studies (the Harry Fischel Institute). He married an Israeli in 1971, one half year after arriving in Israel, and is the father of three children.

At the Technion, Rabbi Shear-Yashuv has already started some innovations. In addition to the usual duties of a campus rabbi, he has started a club for new immigrants from Russia, teaching them the elements of Judaism. Also, he receives students daily, both in his study and at the Shine Student Union Building.

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Crime against the elderly pensioner increases in Snowdon-Cote des Neiges

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL — Crime against the elderly, at one time nearly unheard of in Montreal, is becoming a widespread fact of life.

In the Snowdon-Cote des Neiges area, which is heavily populated by elderly Jewish pensioners, there has been a rise in the incidence of muggings and beatings since the fall of 1975.

At that time, the neighborhood Golden Age Association gained police cooperation in increasing the number of unmarked patrol cars in the area. For a while, the number of mugging incidents declined, even though the city department of public works has yet to improve the poor lighting conditions in such trouble spots as Bourret Avenue.

This past fall, the number of street crimes was again on the increase. To deal with the problem, the Golden Age Association is urging all those who have been victimized to report these occurrences immediately.

The Golden Age Association will, in turn, pass on to police a coherent picture of street crime in the area.

An open meeting is scheduled by the Association in the near future to hear first-hand accounts from those who have been robbed and to offer precautionary advice to others. A senior police inspector will be in attendance to answer questions.

According to Reva Gesser, a volunteer co-ordinator for the Association and staff person on its social action committee, a major problem which exists is the reluctance of older people to report muggings and robberies either to her or directly to the police.

Part of the problem is fear, she says. Elderly people think that reporting these crimes to police will make them targets for revenge in the future. Besides that, they are often attacked from behind so that they never even see their assailants.

"While these crimes against the elderly have certainly not reached the same scale as in the United States," says Mrs. Gesser, "there is no question that elderly people have become major targets of crime because they are least able to protect themselves."

Often muggers time their "activities" to coincide with the arrival of pension cheques. Mrs. Gesser would like to see increased police patrols on the days when more pensioners than usual go to the banks.

From what she has been able to learn from police, most of those responsible for these street crimes are 13 to 16-year-olds who have found an easy way of getting extra money.

The unfortunate side-effect of all this is the decision by most elderly people not to go out at night. As if life wasn't difficult enough with high rents and skyrocketing food prices, senior citizens must also miss out on the many free evening programs sponsored by the Golden Age Association.

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Minorities will be protected: Landry

By A. J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG — Bernard Landry, minister of economic development in the Parti Quebecois, does not believe that the rights of non-anglophone minorities, including the Jews, are being adversely affected by the present situation in French Canada.

"If any special situation were to develop having a negative effect on the rights of Jews or other minorities, we would surely do something about it," Landry said in an interview here.

The first member of Premier Levesque's government to visit the west since the election of the PQ to power, Landry was in Winnipeg to address a dinner meeting of the Winnipeg Society of Financial Analysts.

In an interview before his press conference, Landry confirmed that he had worked for the Jewish Labor Committee in Quebec for a year in 1962 after leaving university. As a strong advocate of human rights and civil liberties, Landry said he found his work with the Jewish Labor Committee very useful.

During that period, he was also one of the founders of La League des Droits de L'Homme, the Quebec civil liberties organization, along with a number of other people including Pierre Trudeau.

Landry left the Jewish Labor Committee to become one of Rene Levesque's aides when the latter was a cabinet minister in the Liberal government of the former premier, Jean Lesage.

PQ minister worked for Jewish labor group

He is a lawyer and an economist, and before the election of the Parti Quebecois last November was a member of the Montreal law firm of Lapointe, Rosenstein and Konigsberg.

He said that, through his former law associates, he has made many contacts with Jewish people in Quebec as a member of the government.

Turning to the question of human rights, Landry said the Quebec Human Rights Commission and the Quebec Ombudsman are both playing an active role.

Landry was elected to the Quebec National Assembly from the constituency of Fabre in the Montreal suburb of Laval. He won a majority of some 10,000 votes and believes he had the support of at least part of the Jewish population of Laval residing in his area. He spoke at one of the synagogues during the election campaign.

At his press conference, Landry objected very strongly to the term "separatism". "It is not our intention to harm or fracture the country," he declared. "There will always be a Canada, and we don't want to break the country," he repeated.

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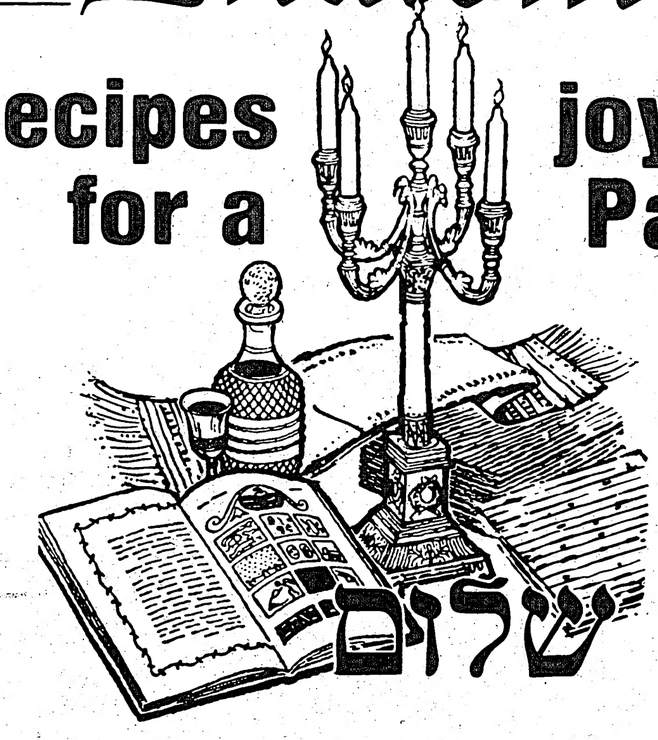

PASSOVER JELLIED TUNA SALAD

3 oz. pkg. Kosher lemon jello
¾ tsp. salt
1¾ c. boiling water
2 tbsp. vinegar
2 tsp. grated onion
dash pepper
¾ c. grated carrots
¼ c. finely chopped green pepper
2 tins tuna
¼ c. Passover mayonnaise
2 stalks celery, finely chopped
salt & pepper, to taste

Dissolve jello and salt in boiling water. Add vinegar, onion and pepper. Chill until partially set. Fold in carrots and green pepper. Pour a small amount on the bottom of a fish-shaped mold. Combine tuna with remaining ingredients. Spread over jello, leaving ¼" border all around edge of mold. Add remaining jello, and chill until firm. Unmold, and garnish as desired.

PASSOVER KNISHES

4 to 5 potatoes, pared
2 eggs, separated
¼ tsp. salt
2 onions, diced
¼ c. chicken fat or oil
½ c. matzo meal or potato flour
salt & pepper, to taste

Cook potatoes in salted water. Drain, mash and cool. Beat egg whites with ¼ tsp. salt until stiff. Brown onions in hot fat. Beat egg yolks until light, and add onions, fat, matzo meal or potato flour and seasonings. Fold in egg whites. Form into balls, make an indentation with your finger and fill with:- chopped liver, ground cooked chicken, or ground cooked meat. Close and flatten. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 375 for 35 to 45 minutes, until golden brown.

FARFEL & MUSHROOM CASSEROLE

2c. matzo farfel
2c. boiling water
3 eggs, separated
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 large onion, diced
¼ lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
¼c. chicken fat or oil
2 tbsp. matzo meal

Soak farfel in boiling water. Drain well. Beat egg yolks. Add seasonings and farfel and mix well. Brown onions and mushrooms in hot fat. Add matzo meal and stir well. Add farfel mixture to skillet and mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, for 3 minutes. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Turn into a well-greased casserole. Bake at 350 for 35 minutes, or until golden brown.

CHICKEN & POTATO PATTIES

1 onion, diced
2 tbsp. fat
2c. ground cooked chicken (withe meat)
2 eggs
salt & pepper, to taste
2c. mashed potatoes (about 3)
½ c. matzo meal
oil or chicken fat, for frying

Chicken: Brown onion in hot fat. Combine with chicken, 1 egg, salt& pepper to taste. Make flat patties.

Potato: Combine mashed potatoes with 1 egg, salt & pepper to taste. Make flat patties. Place chicken and potato patties together and press gently. Dip both sides in matzo meal. Fry in hot fat on both sides until brown.

BANANA CAKE (PASSOVER)

7 egg yolks
1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup mashed bananas
¾ cup sifted potato starch
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
7 egg whites, stiffy beaten

Beat the egg yolks until thick. Add the sugar and salt and beat until fluffy and lemon colored. Stir in the bananas and potato starch, then walnuts. Fold in the egg whites. Pour into 2 greased 9 inch layer-cake pans. Bake in a 350 oven 30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool on a cake rack. Spread whipped cream and sliced bananas on one layer and cover with the other. Serves 6 to 8.

PASSOVER MEATBALLS

1 lb. minced meat
1 egg
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. matzo meal
2 tbsp. oil
1 onion, diced
½ c. water
½ c. Concord wine
1 c. chicken soup

Combine meat, egg, seasoning and meal, and mix well. Shape into small balls. Brown meat balls and onion slowly in hot oil. Add remaining ingredients, bring to a boil, and reduce heat. Cover and simmer for ½ hour.

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Travel

Canadians experiencing delights of Texas' lush South Padre Island

By LEWIS LEVENDEL

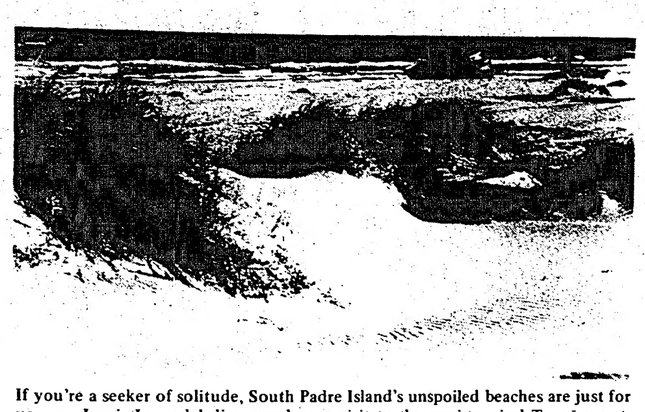
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS —

Thanks to charter flights and increased promotion, Canadians are beginning to experience the delights of the resort area of South Padre Island, a semi-tropical spot nestled in southernmost Texas near the Mexican border.

The resort area is about five miles long and consists of all types of accommodation from luxury hotels to motor home parking spots. White sand dunes with unspoiled beaches stretch for 30 miles north of the resort part of the island.

South Padre offers much of what Florida has, minus the high prices and overcrowding. Two big extras are the Texas hospitality and the 40-minute drive to the Mexican border.

It's only in the last few years, with newly-constructed hotels, that the island has actively gone after the tourist trade. Sunflight of Canada has weekly flights there till April 6 starting at $250 a week, including flight and hotel.



If you're a seeker of solitude, South Padre Island's unspoiled beaches are just for you, as Lewis Levendel discovered on a visit to the semi-tropical Texas resort.

The island in the Gulf of Mexico is joined to the mainland by a spectacular two-mile causeway from Port Isabel. The beach, even the part in front of the hotels, is accessible to everyone.

If you want delicatessen food, gambling and big-name entertainment, this is not your spot. But if you're looking for serenity, good weather (temperatures from 59 to 77 this month) and a chance to do a little meditating, then this is your place.

Although South Padre's history dates back to 1519 with its discovery by the Spanish, and includes a series of occupations by Indians, pirates, fishermen and ranchers, the island remained largely underdeveloped until recently.

Explained Ralph Thompson, executive director of the South Padre Island Tourist Bureau: "There was no concerted effort put forward and therefore little development. But following Hurricane Beulah, which levelled the island, and the opening of the causeway, the resort area has seen extreme growth."

The most popular activity on the island is walking along the sand dunes and beaches combing for sea shells, which abound in all colors, along with washed-up jellyfish.

After walking and swimming, the main activity is fishing — for dolphin, marlin, speckled trout, redfish, red snapper, ling, mackerel, tuna and sailfish. You can either fish in the surf, from Queen Isabella Fishing Pier (the longest of its kind in the world) or board a charter boat and venture into the Gulf.

Sailing out of Port Isabel is the largest shrimp fleet in the world. Gear and licenses are easily obtainable.

Near South Padre are the Texas communities of Harlingen and Brownsville, with such attractions as the Gladys Porter Zoo, ranked as one of the finest in the U.S., and the Confederate Air Force Flying Museum. Also close by are the Pan Am Biology Lab, the Laguna Atrosca Wildlife Preserve and Island Bird Sanctuary full of tropical bird and seasonal visitors from up north, such as the Canada geese.

The more adventurous explore sand dunes in search of buried treasure, including $500,000 in bullion deposited by pirate Jean Lafitte. Some has been found, but the finders and the state of Texas are involved in litigation.

Prior to the Civil War, a man was shipwrecked on the island, stayed and built up a successful ranching operation. When the war broke out, he buried his treasure. However, when he returned, a storm had obliterated the marking signs.

In the '30s, the family silver was found. Today, metal detectors for treasure seekers are for rent.

Regarding transportation, besides car rentals, there is a bus stopping at the major hotels going over to the mainland. And there are a number of bus and car tours offered, including ones to nearby Matamaros, Mexico, for good food, good buys and good bullfights.

Not to be missed in any visit to South Padre is Ila Loetscher, "The Turtle Lady", who puts on weekly shows for the tourists. She nurses ailing giant sea turtles in her beach house. They respond to her affection and don't take long to be trained "to shake hands" or wave a flipper at you.

They thrive on human affection, but if left together in a tub, they attack each other. Ms Loetscher, an elderly, vivacious woman, is a fountain of knowledge about these creatures.

A couple of warnings about South Padre: the high salient content in the drinking water makes it unpalatable for many visitors. Use bottled water. And watch for the Man of War, those jellyfish which can really sting you.

There are acres of land available on the island for sale and development. With controlled growth taking place now, part of the unspoiled charm will obviously disappear. But the beauty will always remain.

Climate of Sydney distracts Jewry from observance

By WILLIAM FRANKEL

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA [JCNS] —

The life of Sydney revolves around its natural advantages of climate and environment. Every kind of sport and outdoor activity can be enjoyed all year round and, with such counter-attractions it is not remarkable that the 28,000 Jews are neither such assiduous synagogue-goers nor as communally-oriented as, say, their equivalents in Hendon or Hampstead Garden suburb.

I make this comparison because, while there is little great wealth in Sydney and some poverty, most Jews are comfortably middle-class.

Socially, the Jews occupy themselves in the main with their Jewish circles of friends, though in other respects they mix freely with the rest of the population. The Hakoah Club, which has a new, large building near Bondi beach, acts as a Jewish community centre. It cost several million dollars to build and is still heavily in debt, which underscores the importance of one of its main sources of income — the poker machines or "one-armed bandits".

The building offers facilities for a wide variety of activities, mostly sporting. The main dining-room is large, luxurious, well-patronized and non-kosher. A determined visitor will eventually also find a small, kosher dining-room located fairly inaccessibly on one of the upper floors.

Some of Sydney's Jews have reservations about the club. They say it does not project the best possible image of the community, while the Orthodox minority are unhappy about the flouting of the dietary laws. But it does provide a locale where Jewish boys and girls can meet in a small community like Sydney.

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Israel's entry into atomic era threatened

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While the establishment of nuclear power stations has now become a public issue, there is as yet scant public interest in another environmental issue — the possible dangers of recombinant DNA research.

This research involves the implantation of alien DNA-borne genes in the cells of common bacteria, and would presumably give the host organisms characteristics which they did not possess to start with. In a way, this would be creating a new form of life.

Such possibilities have excited scientists because they could mean, for example:

— the production of cheap and abundant biological drugs, like insulin, which cannot be synthesized artificially in a laboratory and require isolation and purification from animals;

— the development of new strains of grain and other plants that could utilize nitrogen directly from the atmosphere, thus reducing the need for artificial fertilizers and leading to more abundant crops, and

— a better understanding and eventual cure of genetic diseases that arise from malfunctioning portions of the human gene.

At the same time, these possibilities have frightened other scientists as well as laymen because they raise the spectre of "laboratory monsters" that could wreak havoc upon mankind (which would lack defences against previously unknown organisms).

Israeli scientists, without public prodding, have decided to follow the safety guidelines on recombinant DNA research laid down by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, with attention also being paid to the safety recommendations of European bodies.

A national safety committee will pass on all proposals for such research (none of which is yet going on). It will only be allowed in special, so-called P3 facilities, one of which is now being constructed at the Weizmann Institute. Where an even higher level of safety is called for, Israeli scientists will in the foreseeable future have to go overseas to work, probably at the P4 installation now being built at the European Molecular Biology Centre in Heidelberg, Germany.

Russian ban on matzah

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the packages is to be delivered."

It is estimated that over 25,000 packages of matzah addressed to individuals have been sent to the USSR and remain undelivered.

In response to Leblanc's question concerning the Soviet authorities' statement that there will be an increase in the distribution of flour to compensate for the ban, Rabbi Allan Langner of Montreal said: "While some matzah will be baked in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, many thousands of Jews in these centres, as well as in the small cities and villages, will be denied matzah."

The plight of Tsharanski was then brought to the attention of Leblanc by Rabbi Plaut. The activist was arrested last Tuesday, and Congress later learned that he will be charged with espionage and treason.

"This arrest and investigation heralds a return to repression," said Rabbi Plaut. He voiced Congress' concern, not only for Tsharanski, but "for the thousands of people on Soviet lists as Refuseniks."

Rabbi Plaut asked the government to inquire about the Tsharanski case and "by your actions, convey to the Soviet government that we (Canadians) are watching."

Goyer speaks to CICC

TORONTO — Federal Supply and Services Minister Jean-Pierre Goyer will cover the economic situation in Canada, relations abroad, particularly with Israel and the problem of the Arab boycott in an address to the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tuesday, April 26 at noon in the Canadian Room of the Royal York.

Goyer, 45, a parliamentarian of 12 years experience, will address the chamber on the topic "If Canada cares, Canada can".

Born in Montreal, Goyer, a lawyer, served as parliamentary secretary to the secretary of state for external affairs and solicitor-general prior to assuming his present position in November, 1972.

Explosion is feared by Soviet Refuseniks

LONDON [JCNS] — Some 250 Refuseniks in the Soviet Union have addressed an urgent warning to world Jewish communities that the accusations of spying levelled against three Moscow Jewish activists may portend an "explosion" of anti-Semitic repression by the Soviet authorities.

Alexander Lerner, Vladimir Slepak and Anatoly Shcharansky are seeking legal redress for defamation of character in two articles published in Izvestia, the government newspaper, accusing them of spying for the American Central Intelligence Agency.

In their warning letter appealing for the support of world Jewish communities, the Refuseniks said every Jew in the Soviet Union "is a potential victim for sacrifice.

"In this serious and dangerous moment in our lives, we want you to know that no treachery, no threats, no slander, no libel, can intimidate us," they said.

The letter declared that the accusations could be another major turning point in the history of Russian Jews. "Our history (through the centuries) is one never-ending web of humiliation, oppressions and pogroms."

"During the last few months," they then said, "we have seen an escalation in the growing stream of harassments against Jews, beatings up in the woods outside Moscow, and mass arrests."

Jewish war veterans call for boycott law

TORONTO — The Jewish War Veterans of Canada, in a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau, urges the government to adopt binding anti-boycott legislation.

The group's national commander, Lt. Col. Benjamin Dunkelman, writes:

"We have made a study of these matters and others and are convinced that the Arab boycott has not only succeeded in promoting discriminatory practices directed against Canadians of the Jewish faith, but also infringes on Canadian sovereignty as a trading nation and introduces unacceptable restrictive trading practices into corporate life.

"We most respectfully request that you and your government consider enactment of adequate legislation with appropriate penalties, to ensure elimination of the practice of discrimination against Canadian Jewish citizens by the Arab boycott which is now in force."

The Jewish Agency ignores Canada's needs charges Granovsky

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in Israel for Jewish Agency needs.

On a related matter, the UIA national president said the presence of 35 shlichim in Canada was unnecessary. "There's so much overlapping," he explained, saying the Jewish Agency had already begun to cut back on their number.

Granovsky said the number of shlichim here could be cut by at least one-third.

Returning to his complaint about poor campaign servicing, the well known community leader said: "Our appeals to the heads of the Israeli mission in the United States and the United Nations went unanswered, even after many telephone calls. I stress the word unanswered."

Asked to explain why the embassies neglected to return UIA calls, Granovsky said: "I don't know. I can't even get past Dinitz's secretary." He was referring to Simcha Dinitz, the ambassador to Washington.

"Unfortunately, the Israeli cabinet knows little about the money Canada raises," he elaborated. "All they see is that the biggest chunk comes from the U.S., to which Israel looks for economic and political help. Everything is focused on the U.S. and virtually everything else is out of sight.

"That leads to neglect. Once they become aware of what Canada does, they'll open their eyes. Many other countries have the same kind of complaint."

Granovsky offered another reason why such personalities as Rabin and Peres seldom come here. "They're invited officially to the U.S. To visit Canada, they've got to get official invitations from Ottawa." He said these invitations were not issued often because Canada plays no major role in Middle East diplomacy.

"The only time these invitations weren't a problem was when Golda (Meir) was the foreign minister. I guess she's the type of person who didn't wait for an invitation...since then we've had problems."

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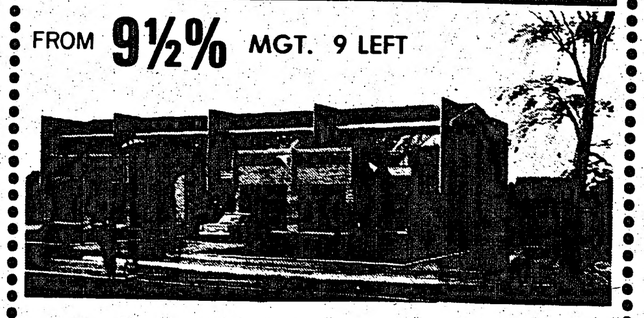

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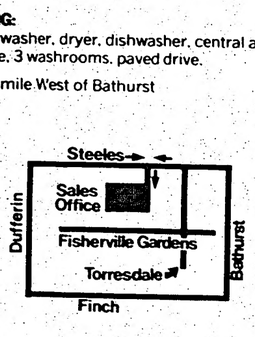

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$66,500. Charming bungalow on a 40' x 135' lot. Panelled living area. Attractively decorated, finished basement. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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Glencairn-Bathurst

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$93,000. Just listed. Three years new detached home. Main floor laundry room, family room with open fireplace & walkout to garden. Excellent 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. Most tastefully decorated. Close to all amenities. Quiet court — must be seen. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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Bathurst-Glencairn

Home great for office or doctor, dentist, chiropractor, etc. 8 rms., finished bsmt., garage, ample parking. Call Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Open House Sunday 2-4:30 Bathurst-Glencairn

455 Coldstream. 4 bdrm., elegant executive on 200' scenic lot. 3 walkouts, 3 baths, family rm., garage. Vendor bought. Call Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Open House Saturday 2-4 PM 42 Mossgrove Trail

York Mills-Leslie. 4 bdrm. executive, family rm., main flr. laundry rm., fireplace, oak spiral stairway, mint condition. 10% mtge. Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Owner transferred & has to leave this fabulous penthouse suite. 5 appliances, upgraded broadloom, open fireplace, air cndtn., shows like a model suite. Must be seen. Call Leona, 661-3640.

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LIL RUSH

Bathurst-Finch — $119,900

Spacious 8 rm. split, attached dbl. garage, 4 bdrms, 3 baths, master ensuite, open fireplace, completely finished bsmt. Millie Herzog, 636-5200.

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Upper Village

$129,900. On a quiet street near Ridelle, a stunning, up-to-date Georgian style, centre hall, 4-bedroom residence. Modern kitchen has separate breakfast room. Main floor powder room, delightful finished lower level, pool-size lot. 5 appliances, excellent financing. Call Esther Axelrod, 484-9111, res. 782-7877.

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40 Thelma Avenue Forest Hill Village Home

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Sheppard-Bathurst

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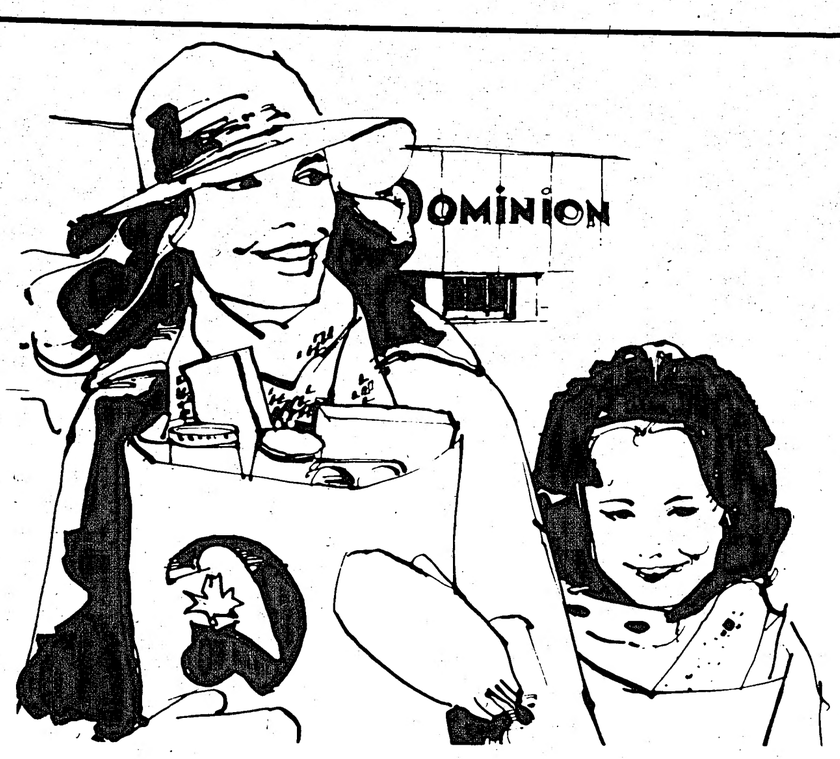

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